

THE
SECRET HISTORY
OF THE
DUTCHESSES
OF

Successors
Portsmouth;

Giving an Account

Of the Intreagues of the Court,
during her Ministry. And
of the Death of K. C. II.

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Dutcheſs of *Portſmouth*.

FRANCELIA was the Daughter of a *French* Merchant of *Iron*, who having by his own Industry got a ſmall Eſtate, retired with it from the Tumult and Buſtle of that Great and Populous City of *Paris*, to the Country, where he deſign'd to paſs the reſt of his Life at eaſe, and live on that which he had gathered together: He was not long ſettled in the place he had choſen for his retreat, but that being of a ſociable and agreeable humour, he got the acquaintance and good will of his Neighbours, and being withall a pretty good Companion,

and one that had a little smack at Musick, he would freely drink his Glass with his Friends, and sometimes afford them some diversion with his Instruments. This render'd him acceptable to all persons of his rank, and made him to receive Visits as well as give them to his Neighbours and Friends. His whole stock of Children consisted in two Daughters; the eldest passably witty and handsome, till the Small-Pox, that implacable Enemy to all good Faces, had strangely alter'd her Features and Complexion, and dull'd her Apprehension, so that her younger Sister, *Francelia*, of whom we now write the Life, was admired by all, both for her Wit, Forwardness and Beauty, though yet very young, while her Sister lay unregarded, and neglected by every one. This was the occasion of raising of some envy in the mind of the eldest Sister, who on the account of her Prerogative of Birth, did use a little more Tyrannick power over her Sister, than otherwise she might or would have done, only to
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keep down her Towering Spirit, and prevent her from incroaching too far on her Prerogative; and by this means there was continually some Jarrs and Feuds betwixt the two Sisters, which were kept up on the one part by Envy, and on the other by Pride and Subtilty.

These continual quarrels betwixt the two Daughters did not at all agree with the Fathers free and easie temper; that made him to seek after means to make them agree, and live in that Love and Amity which should be betwixt two Persons so near allied; but finding that all his Labour was in vain, and that on the contrary, his Children would take advantage from his good nature, to make the more disturbance in his little Family, he resolv'd at last to buy his peace at any rate, though it would not very well sute with his small Incomes, he living then at the height of his little Fortune: He propos'd therefore to his two Daughters, that seeing he could not prevail with them to live peaceably together, to have them parted, by

sending one of them to a Boarding
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 told the youngest, that since her Sister
 desired to remain at home with him,
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 as readily and gladly accepted of by
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turity of mind did draw the Love and Admiration of every body upon her, and some young men began to look upon her with some sence of passions, which she began to be sensible of, and would affect to be Courted; of which the Father having been informed, he took an occasion from thence to ease his Purse, in calling her home after, that she had been a considerable time at that School.

She was as soon grown to maturity of Body, as she was in Mind, so that her Parents finding it a business of no small difficulty to govern her after those measures which they had proposed to themselves and taken for her best advantage, they thought of a Relation of theirs at *Paris*, as the fittest Person to manage her: This was propos'd by the Parents, and readily imbrac'd by the Relation, who having had some account under hand of her designed Pupil, writ to have the young Damsel sent to her without delay. It will be proper in this place to give you a slight account of this

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A Person so Amorous as our young Niece was, could not read such a free declaration of Love, without feeling strange emotions in her Soul, to be so magnificently presented, and so passionately Courted, by one of the Grantees of the Kingdom, who wanted not various Choices of Beauties, by a Person who had never seen her but the day before; all these things, besides the consideration of the great disproportion of their ages, did put her into such Reflections, and profound Meditation, that notwithstanding her natural gay humour, she could not take off her Eyes which she had fixed on the Ground to cast them on her Aunt, who was come up to her, to give her an account of what the Duke had writ to her.

Indeed, Niece, I know not what to think of you, nor of your proceedings, said she, I am as much surpriz'd at your good Fortune, as I am at your Charms, which are irresistible, all yields to your power, and you force even nature her self

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I Must confess, that my Natural Amorous disposition, did ever make me take all opportunities to toy and play the wanton with such women, as had but such a competency of Natures gifts, as would invite one to converse with them; but now I find, that in spite of Age, your Charming Niece has rais'd such Passions and Desires in me, as I us'd to feel in my younger days, at the sight of the most accomplish'd Beauties; I find that nothing less than enjoyment can lay that Storm, and quench those Flames which burn in my breast: Let not this free Confession which I have made you, turn to my disadvantage, and if that all the kindness that both your late Husband and your self have received from me, is not capable to gain you to act in my behalf, nor the

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assurances of a very considerable increase of Favour from me for the future, persuade you to take my part, at least stand Neuter, and let me and my fair Mistriss decide the business betwixt us. The King designs to send me out of this Kingdom, I cannot tell how soon, will oblige me to lay a close Siege, that I may have occasion to leave with you wherewith to support my Charming young Mistriss's Expences, suitable to her Merits, and that violent passion which she has created in the bosom of your Friend,

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During the reading of this Letter, the Niece, notwithstanding the red colour which her tender years and unexperience in such matters, from a person of so great Quality, did raise on her Cheeks, did permit a certain Joy to steal from her Heart into her Eyes, which sufficiently expressed the pleasure she felt within her at the knowledge of the Duke's Passion; which was so soon perceived by the Aunt, that it hastened

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such things in their Breast : that a little time would try whether the Duke were sincere or not ; and that if he should come himself after this, and make good what he had writ, it would be a great means to convince her that he dissembled not. The Aunt observing by her Nieces forwardness, that the Duke's Age and marriage condition would be of no use to her to repel his amorous Assaults, and that she would not make any long Resistance ; she found, that though her Brother-in-law had acted politickly in ridding his Hands of such brittle Ware, yet he had not shewed all the Prudence in the World to send a young thing of so amorous a Disposition, to a place where persons were so liable to all the temptations imaginable. But then, considering again, that it was a great argument of the Confidence which he had in her Virtues, that had made him to entrust his Child in her Hands ; she resolved to deserve that good Opinion, in taking all the care she could possible, to keep

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duous Attendances which she daily pay'd to the Dutchess, which had made the Dutchess to inquire, Whether she was ill; and there being no body present that could give any account of her, one of her Friends came directly from the Dutchess to know the reason of her absence; that person came so luckily to serve her in her design, that she presently took the opportunity of informing her, That a Niece of hers, whom she was willing to gratifie, in shewing her the Curiosities of *Paris*, as being a stranger, had caused her to be guilty of so much neglect towards the Dutchess, who she hoped would have the Bounty to forgive her, when she was inform'd of the occasion; adding, that she intreated her Friend to be so kind, as to let the Dutchess know so much, and whether she might without giving offence, present her Niece to her: With that she brought her Friend in, to see her Niece, whom they found sitting, leaning her Head on her Hand, which she rested on the Table, and

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returning back to his Coach, he led the Gentlewoman along with him, of whom he dispos'd afterwards as he pleas'd, she for the present not knowing any thing of his Intentions.

The Duke having rid his Hands of this troublesome Woman, he return'd a back way to see his young Mistress, whom he found all alone : Her Aunt, not thinking the Duke would give them a Visit till the Afternoon, especially, having been disappointed of Answers from either of them, was gone next door, to the Labour of one of her Neighbours, where she had been call'd. The Duke's coming that Morning so early, had been occasioned by the King's sending to him to let him know, he should prepare with all the expedition he could, to Command those Gallies and Men which he was forthwith sending to the Assistance of the *Venetians* in opposition to the *Turks* design upon *Candia*, this had allarm'd him, and he was come to acquaint his young Mistress with it, and to observe how she

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Discourse, seeing she had not done it at first, stood a while mute, looking on her with as much love as he could express with his Eyes ; at last he thus broke out ; *Is it possible, fair one, that after those hopes I had entertain'd in me, I should see my self so unfortunate, as to have the first testimony of my Passion (though small, I confess) so much slighted as not thought worthy of acceptance ?* Pardon me, my Lord, reply'd the Niece, *that besides the knowledge of my unworthiness, I follow the Instructions of a person unto whom my Parents have given a full Authority over me.* This malicious Intimation which she had on purpose made, that in performing her Aunts Advice she might not prejudice her own Designs, and lay the whole fault on her Governess, had its wish'd for effect : For the Duke finding which way the Wind blew, he so closely ply'd his young Mistress, under the favour of her Aunts absence, that before she was return'd, he had not only persuaded her to retain the Pearls,

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her Aunt ; yet he began to fear, that he should be glad to leave her in his Wives Hands, believing her more safe there from Temptations, than any where else, yet he left not endeavouring all ways imaginable to come to an enjoyment, notwithstanding his multiplicity of Business, and the small time he had to stay at *Paris*, but to no effect, and finding that she express'd as ready a compliance to his Desires as she did of fervency in his Passions, he tooke the opportunity to offer the taking of her along with him to *Candia*. This gave her the opportunity to shew she had as much Courage as she had Wit and Beauty, she presently embrac'd the offer ; desiring the Duke but to find out the means to take her from her Aunt unknown to her, and that she should be ready at the time appointed to follow him where e're he should be pleas'd to command her.

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 of that, set some persons to watch all
 the Chairs that should go out of the
 Aunts House, with order, that when

they should perceive a Chair with a young Gentlewoman in it, they should order the Chairmen to follow them where the Duke had appointed that she should be receiv'd.

It was not above six hours before the time given him by the King for his longest stay, that this was done. She was carried out, only accompany'd by her Aunts Foot-Boy, she being gone to the Dutchess before in a Coach to be ready to receive her Niece; presently were the Dukes Spies about the Chair, and while some were bidding the Chairmen to turn down the next Corner they should come at, others were busie in amusing the Foot-boy another way, that he should not see which way the Chair was carried, which they did so well, that the Boy turning his Head again, and not seeing the Chair before him, he run on streight forwards, it being the way to the Dutchess, where he knew they had been ordered to carry the young Lady, still cursing the Chairmen in his Heart for running so fast.

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own Cabin, eat and drink with him; that no body should ever know of her disguise; and that when once arriv'd at *Candia*, it should be to her choice, whether she would continue under that disguise, or re-assume the habits of her own Sex; in fine, he told her so many fine things, and express'd so much Passion and Tenderness towards her, that she consented to all his desires.

It was not difficult to make her pass for one of his Pages, even with his own Servants, because that two of his, finding themselves unfit for the Sea, or perhaps having no inclinations to go to *Candia*, having declin'd his Service, he was to seek for others; one he had got, which he would have made shift with, with two more that he had, so that having immediately given order for a Pages habit to be ready for her; there was one got ready in the space of four hours, with which our Female Page being accoutter'd, and furnish'd with all things else suitable, *Capape*, she suffer'd her

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Duke had promis'd she should receive.

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who after long waiting for her
Niece in vain, sent for her Foot-boy,
to give her an Account of her, and
where he had lost her; the Boy said,
there was such a Crowd, that he had
been once intercepted by a Coach or
two crossing betwixt him and the
Chair; that so soon as they were
pass'd, he had made all the haste he
could to overtake it, but could not,
and that he had thought the Chair-
men had set down the Lady and gone
their way before he came, which had
made him to wait there contented.

The Aunt little satisfied by this Ac-
count, could not tell what to think;
sometimes she fancied the Chair-Men
had mis-understood where they were
to carry her; sometimes that some sud-
den Illness coming upon her, she had
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desired to be carried into some House, or else home again; in fine, the thought of every thing but of the right, she would have been long enough before she had thought her Niece was gone to Sea with the Duke, especially, he having given out that he was gone on Ship-board three hours before the Niece had stird forth, that he might have time to take leave of her in private, and leave orders for all things necessary for her till his return. Wherefore the Aunt having waited long in vain, and having made all the inquiries she could possible after her: in which the Dutcheß her self had employed divers of her own Servants, without success, she was forc'd to return home very disconsolate, where having sent for all the Friends she had, she ingag'd them to assist her with all their power, by endeavouring to recover her Niece, which she concluded to be stolen.

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heart from bursting, when there came in a Gentleman, who flinging himself on his Knees by the Bed-side, said, *Madam, It suffices you have done your part, and have paid your Devoirs to the Memory of your Noble Friend. I share in your Affliction also, having, in the same Person, lost a Worthy Friend and Honourable Patron; but, Madam,——* At this second time that she heard the word, *Madam*, nam'd, and knowing that no Woman, but her self, was in the Fleet, she could not but start, and appear very much concern'd, notwithstanding the great Consternation she was in; and looking on that Person that spoke to her with silence, it gave the Gentleman an opportunity of adding: *Yes, Madam, as an argument that I was privy to the Dukes greatest Concerns, I come to tell you he had confided in me the Secret of your being disguis'd in a Pages Habit, and that he had me to promise him to assist you, in case he should miscarry; and that he would bequeath you to my Care and Protection; of which if you please*

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very great Intimacy with my dear Duke,
you could never have attain'd to so much
knowledge of me, as you have express'd.
But, Sir, my Sorrow is so great, and
my Troubles so many, that I must, with
your leave, allow to my self some
longer time to allay those disturbances,
which agitate my mind ; and to give a
further vent to those Tears and Sighs,
which otherwise would absolutely destroy
me ; after that, Sir, I shall with hum-
ble acknowledgments, embrace your
kindness and assistance, in the conveying
of me back to my own Country. Your
request is so just, Madam, reply'd the
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Officer, that I have nothing more to reply, but that I am from this very moment so wholly at your disposal, that you need but speak, and I shall readily act in your behalf, all that is within my power. Mean time, Madam, I retire; but with your leave and permission, I shall leave with you a Servant that you may command as your own, and that shall know where to find me at any time that you shall have occasion for me: This said, he made a profound reverence, and went out of the Cabbin.

Not long after, that Servant who he had left at the entry of the Cabbin, hearing our afflicted Lady fetch a deep sigh, believing she had call'd, came in, and having demanded whether she wanted any thing, she had the Curiosity to ask of him, (which she thought she might do with more freedom than of others) who, and what his Master was? The Servant did readily give her satisfaction on that point, saying, his Master was a Person of Quality, who had a considerable Command in the Navy, and that

that he had ordered her, till further notice, I shall shut the Cabin door, upon my Post, when the Lady thought him to retire. The Servant gone to the Bed, at last which having for some days full possession fallen into a passion the third day of the Dukes loss, and nominated to order to come on board the Galley, in lying still, a Command; his Servants, with (amongst whom) to see the said and to put in came into the her dead sleep had on, taking

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 amongst which was two of his Pages
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 her dead sleep, and by the Livery she
 had on, taking her to be one of the
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Pages, by the Strangers, who had been told by the two other Pages, it was a young Gentleman, whom the Duke their late Master had taken into his Service, but just before he left *France*, and whom he extreamly lov'd, insomuch that none was to be admitted into his Cabin but him, and that he doubtless had a very great affection for his Master, and had been mourning and lamenting for him ever since his death ; that they were glad to find him so fast asleep ; and they desired he should not be disturb'd, till he awaked of himself ; this made the Servants to mind their business in removing some Chests, leaving that of the Beds to another time ; after which they left the Cabin, except the eldest Page. Thus was the young Lady left unmolested, who in the midst of her deep sleep, her imagination being agitated with dreams, suitable to the Condition to which she was reduced, made her to utter these words : *Why will you be gone, my Lord, and leave your poor young Mistress behind you ?*

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he said, leaning over the Bed, with a low Voice, that none but her self might hear him from without. The young Lady being wonderfully surpriz'd, and put into a very great Consternation, by the discovery that the Page, or rather that she her self had made, remain'd for some time in such a confusion, that she could not speak one word; but turning her back towards him, and covering her Face with her hand, she put forth two or three loud Sighs, after which she said, in a low Voice, her Face being still turn'd from the Page. *I know not, in the condition I am at present, whether it be for my advantage, that through my excess of Grief, you have come to the true knowledge of me; I wish that the Heavens may inspire you to contrive my return; I should not fail to give you those acknowledgments for so great a piece of Service, as should in some measure express my Gratitude. Since I cannot longer conceal my disguise from you, I will freely confess to you I am a Woman, a most unfortunate Woman; but if you*
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Gentleman, who lay very ill on the Bed.

He was just going out of the Gallie, when he met with the New Commander of it, who was coming himself with some of his Friends and his Servants, to take possession of the Cabin, which made him to return immediately back again, believing that the young Lady might have occasion to make use of his Service, wherefore the Officer being entred, and perceiving one in the late Duke's Livery lying on the Bed, he inquir'd who he was; the Page made answer, That it was one of his fellow Pages, with whom the Sea not agreeing so well as with the rest, had remain'd sick in the Cabin; but that he would take care that he should be remov'd against Night, with all the rest of his late Masters Goods, into that Vessel which was ordered to go back into *France* with the Goods, and such of his Servants as were desirous to return. The Officer taking no further notice, after he had look'd about a little,

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nam'd, *I find such a necessity of wholly trusting my self to your Care and Bounty in the sad condition I am in, that in the Opinion I have, you are Generous, and that you will deal like a Gentleman by me; I wholly rely on your Friendship, only I intreat you to use all the means imaginable, with the rest of our fellow Servants, to get leave to return with all speed; for certainly, it will cost me my life, if I should remain but a Moneth longer in this condition. And here is my Hand,* added she, *that I will be sensible of all your kindnesses to me when I once set foot again in my dear Country.* There needed no more to spur on our brisk Page, who having from the beginning admir'd *Francelia's* Face, even when he believ'd her a Page, wishing he could get a Mistress with the like Beauty. He presently reiterated to her the assurance of his Fidelity and Service, and told her, That he would immediately go and get as good a place as he could possible in the best Cabin of that Vessel appointed

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Servants, to *Francelia* somewhat satisfy'd with
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 rose from the Bed to look after those
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 to her, in order to their removal.
 The Duke had been very profuse to
 her, for he entirely lov'd her, and at
 his going on that last Expedition, in
 which he lost his life, he had given
 her a little Casket, which he bid her
 to lock up in her own Trunk till he
 return'd again; but that if it was his
 fate to be left behind, that she should
 keep it for her own use in remem-
 brance of the Love which he bore to
 her. She had the Curiosity to open
 her Trunk to look on the Casket,

and peradventure, that it had gone so far as to have invited her to see what was in it, but that she had no sooner opened her Trunk, but the Officer, who was a Marquess and had before discover'd to her his knowledge of her Sex, came in to the *Cabin*, which oblig'd her to shut her Trunk again, to receive him with Respect, his Garb, Meene, and Presence speaking him some person of Quality, though without Attendance. *I am come, Madam, said he, to lead you to an Apartment which I have caused to be made ready for you, when I understood that the Commander of this Gally was to take possession, and lie in it this Night.* This convinc'd *Francelia* that what she had fancied to be a Vision was Reality, which made her to return the person himself thanks for the care he had of her; but withal told him, That the eldest of the late Duke's Pages, who design'd to return to *France*, had taken care to get her a good Accommodation in that very Vessel which was to carry back the Duke's Goods and Servants, and that though she

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that there would be such a disorder and confusion amongst his people that she could not but be very much disturb'd at it: In fine, he so well represented to her the inconveniencies she should meet with in the Gally, and the Services which she would receive in the Tent on Shore, that notwithstanding she told him, that she was but waiting for *Chandores* return to have gone along with him with her Goods into that Gally. He having assur'd her, that *Chandore* should be inform'd of her removal to Shore, by his Servant who he would leave to that purpose behind, that she consented to be led by him, and her Trunks to be carried after her by Sea-men; designing to make an Apology to *Chandore* for her removal to Shore, when next she should see him, which she believed would be that very day: Thus was she convey'd to Shore, and the Marquess, who had no design of letting *Chandore* know where he had remov'd her, he not likeing well his own diligence, sent his Man another way, that

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The Officer did bring her to a very curious Tent, where were all things necessary for her use, nay, even to delicacy, with Attendance, had been provided for her. So soon as she was enter'd the Tent, he having given order to all the Servants to attend without, only leaving a young *Moresco* Woman with her, who had lately been made Prisoner, he went out himself, to give her the greater liberty to his new Guest.

Mean time *Chandore* was return'd to the Gally in order to take *Franelia* along with him, and had brought persons with him to carry her things; but in what amazement was he when he found the Cabin empty both of the Lady and of all her Goods; he presently made enquiry after the young Page of every person that was in the Gally, but none could tell him where she was gone; they said, that an Officer of Quality had been with her, who had led him along with him into a Long-Boat,

but whether they knew not; that some of their Crew were gone with them to carry her Trunks, who perhaps might give him an account at their return: This made him to stay and wait for their coming back, that he might learn what he could from them; at their return he could get no more than that the Long-Boat had put them on Board another Gally, but they knew not its name, nor who Commanded it. The Officer had done this designedly, that he might not be trac'd with the Lady: So that *Chandore* was forc'd to rest contented for the present, not without hopes by his indefatigable search to retrieve her again, wherefore, not to lose any time he went about it immediately.

He visited all the Gallies in the Port, inquired strictly of every body in them, Whether they had not seen a handiome young Page in the late Admirals Livery, with an Officer, come on Board them; at last, when he was almost past all hopes, he had intelligence, that such a one had been there,

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being a Gentleman to, of Courage beyond what his youth promis'd, had doubtless provoked him to return as tart to the Officer, had he not so soon enter'd the Tent. However, as Lovers Eyes and Ears are always more open than others, he did imagine, that something more than ordinary had caus'd this Officer, in all other respect civil enough, to return so rough an answer to his humble Request, this made him to hover all that Evening about that Tent, yet with that Caution, as not to be seen by the angry Officer, who he began to think had a knowledge of his Mistress's Sex, and was become his Rival: He was not ignorant of the familiarity to which this Officer had had with the late Duke, and he believ'd, that the Duke, at some time or other, might have communicated so great a secret to him; he knew also, what a considerable Command he had, and that he was a Marquis of a considerable Estate; wherefore considering all the great advantages which

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 difference for him, or any thing to his Rivals advantage, that he would lose his life, or rid himself of so powerful a Competitor.

Francelia, on her part, was thinking on *Chandore*, whom she lik'd well enough, and thought her self as much oblig'd to him as to the Marquiss : wherefore she had had divers times the opportunity to observe him, he being the

chief that came about the Duke, she had heard the Duke divers times speak very advantageously of him, of his good Education, of his Honourable Parents, of his Courage and Address, and that he would in a very short time prefer him to an employ suitable to his Capacity, and the Family he was Related to: This, with his readiness to serve her, and some Passion which she had observ'd in his Eyes towards her, did make her very much incline to favour him: She was in the height of those Reflections when the Marquis came into the Tent. He approach'd her with an Air full of Love and Respect but which was mixt with a certain Gaiety, with which he usually did agreeably season all his Actions. *Well, Madam*, said he, (his Passion having made him forget the Dress she was in) *how do you like your Apartment?* The word, Madam, having rais'd a severe blush over all *Francelia's* Face, and made her to cast her Eyes on the Ground, while she endeavoured to hide her disorder with her Hand-

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much that she had not yet heard any thing from *Chandore*, who had promis'd to be with her before this; and that she had something of her own Concern to impart to him, in which he and no body else could serve her. *How, Madam.* reply'd the Marquis in a lower tone, and with some abatement of his Gaiety, *is no body capable to serve you, but that Page? Does he know so much of your Concerns, as to have so much power to serve you? I thought my self the only happy Man,* Continued he, *who knew of your disguise, and*——he was going on, when *Francelia*, to break off his further inquiry into that business, said, *Sir, he was my Fellow Page, and in that respect he might have so much knowledge of my Affairs as to be serviceable to me, though he should not have any Knowledge of my Sex. It is concerning some Papers, Sir,* continued she, *that I would discourse him, which I cannot find, and that peradventure he might give me some intimation of them: If I was but assur'd they were in the Fire, or*
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should be brought to the young Gentleman, and that all his Servants which he left behind, should give their Attendance to him, as to his own Person. The orders were so pressing, that he had no more time but just to take his leave of her, and to tell her, that he fear'd not but to have good success, if she did but favour his Actions with her good Wishes : With that he got on Horse-back to Join his Batalion.

Chandore, who had been hovering about the Tent in a grey Campaign Coat, to disguise himself a little, having seen the Marquis take Horse, came to the Tent door, and there he so well insinuated himself with the Servants, that at last he got Intelligence from one, who had over-heard the Marquis to say, *Madam*. He gave him some Pistols, which caus'd him to shut his Fist so soon as he had felt them, and to open his Mouth, saying, That of truth there was a Person within that Tent which had such a Livery on, and that he verily believ'd he was nothing less, then what he seem'd

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 which he had met by chance, conceal'd
 under the habit of a Page.

This discovery, as it highly pleas'd
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 much perplex him on the other, to find
 that his Mistress was so well known ;
 he perswaded that Servant to step a-
 side with him a little, because he
 had something of Consequence to
 communicate to him ; the Fellow
 comply'd with his desires, and having
 got him to a Suttlers, there he told
 him, that of truth it was a Woman,
 and his Sister, that the Marquis had
 got, and that he had some things of
 great moment to communicate to her,
 that if he could but bring him to the
 speech of her, or at least convey into
 her hands a Letter, which he would
 deliver to him, assuring him that he
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should be very grateful to him : The
 Servant made answer, that as he was
 but one of the Inferiour Servants, and
 not admitted to come into that Tent,
 he believ'd it impossible for him to
 perform, but that there was a *Moresco*
Woman, which the Marquis had
 plac'd with the Gentleman, that he
 would endeavour to put the Letter into
 her hands, and make the best signs he
 could to get her to deliver it to the
 Person. That if the *Moresco* took the Let-
 ter from him, he would peep through
 some hole to see whether she deliver'd
 it, and would give him an account of
 it. *Chandore* had been also inform'd
 by this Servant, that the Marquis had
 given a strickt Charge, that no Person
 should be admitted to the sight, or
 speech of her ; wherefore he despair'd
 of obtaining that happiness, till he had
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had deceiv'd her in his promise, of letting *Chandore* know where she was, because she verily believ'd, that if he had had any intelligence of it, he had doubtless been with her before that; she therefore went to that part of the Tent, and unseen to the *Moresco*, snatcht the Paper, which a little while after she read; It was as follows.

It may be dangerous to say more at present, then that I have had a world of difficulties to find you out, your Goaler, the Marquiss, is infinitely Jealous of you; I had the ill fortune to ask of him, after you; he gave me a scurvy answer: This Servant I have gain'd, did hear him call you Madam; you pass with him for my Sister: Take what measures you can from these Informations, to let me know, by the same Person, in what manner I may serve you with my Life. She having read this, drew a Pencil, with which, on the back part of the Letter, she writ these few Lines. I have reason to believe all you have writ to be true, and I am also inclin'd to believe, you intend me well, and that you would serve

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 shall give me. She having clos'd this
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 towards it, and put the Note into it,
 the Moresco Woman not observing it,
 which was presently convey'd to Chan-
 dore, who was impatiently waiting
 for it: He rewarded the Servant, and
 desired him to continue his Friendship
 to him, in case he should have further
 occasion for it; which being promis'd
 him, he went to pass the night as well
 as the Impatiency he was in to see
 his Mistress, would permit him.

In the Morning early he got to
 the Tent, he was walking the rounds
 about it, when *Francelia* appear'd at
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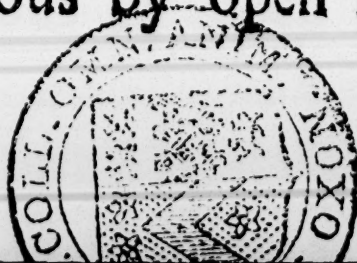
they durst not express any dislike, for it was none of their fault; if there was any design in it, it was of their own contriving, and they had no order to hinder her from taking the Air at the entry of the Tent, as she had pretended to do, no more than to prevent her in any other of her Actions and Desires. She told *Chandore*, She fancy'd she should be more contented to be in the Cabin he had provided for her in the Gally, than where she was, because she fear'd, that in time the Marquis's imperious Humour might be very uneasy to her, and that she hop'd he would be more Complaisant to her in any way, tho she was highly respected by the Marquis, but with such an Air, that gave her cause to suspect she could not expect the continuation of it long. *Chandore* proffer'd to lead her away instantly, but did not know how to get her Goods remov'd. They were plotting and contriving together what to do, walking in the Shade aside of the Tent, when the Marquis came Gal-

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He had at some distance perceiv'd *Francelia*, which had made him set spurs to his Horse, but had not discern'd who that person was that spoke to her, but he no sooner did aught but knew it was *Chandore*; yet taking as if he had not taken notice of him, he address'd himself to *Francelia*, whom taking by the Hand he led into the Tent.

Chandore being thus again depriv'd of his Mistress, when he was busied with her in contriving to get off, by her own consent, remain'd as if he had been struck with a Clap of Thunder, his Love and his Courage did suggest to him divers bold Enterprises, but bearing still, that if he should use main force, it would redound more to *Francelia's* prejudice than to his advantage; after divers fluctuations of Mind, he chose rather to continue to gain by Subtilty, though with longer time, that which would be much more harzardous by open force, he retir'd



retir'd therefore with a design to make further use of that person whom he had employ'd before with so good success.

The Marquis, mean time, having entertain'd *Francelia* with the success of that Expedition he had been employ'd about, without the least taking notice of his having perceiv'd *Chandore*, she thought fit to conceal from him the knowledge of her seeing of him, in the Opinion, that he had not been discover'd, seeing he had not made the least mention of him. Thus did they both dissemble and conceal their different thoughts and designs under pretence of other Discourses. But the Marquis was no sooner shift'd in his own Tent, but that he went about ordering of things, so that *Chandore* should no longer be a Thorn in his Side. He went to the Commander in Chief, and represented to him, That there were divers of the late Admiral's Retinue that lay idle, which might render signal Service, and he particularly, insisted on a cer-

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with a design to detain Page of the late Dukes, to whom that person said, the Duke had design'd to give an Employment in the Army; that as a Friend to the late Duke, he intreated him, to put him upon some expedition, in order immediately after his return from thence with Success, to give him the first Vacancy.

This was so well relished by the General, who was both willing to gratify the Marquis, and to do something in Honour to the Memory of the Duke, that he immediately sent for *Chandore*, and Commanded him to act next and immediately under the chief Commander of those Forces which he was sending forth that night, to surprise and force a Pass from the enemy. Poor *Chandore*, astonish'd at the Command, which at any other time he had been ravish'd to have obey'd, durst not refuse the Honour that was made him, though by it he was forc'd to leave *Francelia* in the power of his Rival, and not have the time and opportunity of delivering her from it, as she had seem'd to desire,

fire, nor to take his leave of her; and the General ordering that Horse and Arms should be deliver'd to him, with all things necessary for that Expedition, out of his particular Store, (which was a singular Favour) and to immediately repair at the Rendezvous of that party; all that he could do, was to return the General Thanks, and to obey his Orders without delay.

Thus did the Marquis rid himself in an honourable way, of those inquietudes which this young Rival gave him, without letting him know that the blow came from his Hand.

The Affairs of the Christians growing daily to a ruine, as fast as the Turks gain'd advantages over them, being over-run with the vast number which he power'd into that Island, from all the Parts and Dependencies of the *Ottoman* Empire. The French began to think of a timely Retreat, and every Officer perceiving that the next Assault the Infidels should give unto the City of *Cana*, would

his leave would be likely in all Reason to carry it; considering that they began every one in particular to deliver'd to contrive for their own safety. Our Marquis, who had a considerable Estate to offer for that purpose, invite him to live to enjoy it, and who particular name first into *Candia* but as a Voluntier, (ar Favour) was none of the last to provide for his at the Re safety, being the more induc'd to be one all that he of the forwardest on the account of *France*. General *Thelia*, whom he passionately lov'd.

For this reason the Marquis made choise of that Vessel appointed for the Transportation of the late Duke's Goods and Retinue, it being ready fitted to put away, of those to Sea for his Carriage, and in a short time after, having had Intelligence, that letting him that Party which the General had sent, from his H in which *Chandore* was engag'd, had been e Christians otally defeated; and that the Turks pur- ne, as fast u'd their Victory so close, and prov'd atages over Conquerors in all places they went; and the vast that already there were divers French into that Officers Embark'd, in order to return; d Depend- he of his own Power and Authority caus'd that said Gally to put out to Sea, where he and *Francelia*, with all their Goods and Servants being Embark'd, The French they were the first that came to the of a timely French-Coast. Officer perce

Thus was *Francelia* return'd into her own Country, not without having daily

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been solicited by the Marquiss, to obtain the same Favour which the Duke of *Bellame* had enjoy'd. Whether he succeeded in his Addresses to her, I am not able to determine, my Memoires failing me in that particular, yet it may easily be guess'd, that she who was so forward to accept of the Duke's offers to transport her to *Candia*, was no less willing to bestow the same Favours upon a Person that took the care of her in her return to *France*. The Marquiss was no sooner return'd to *Paris*; but divers of the first Rank desir'd to be inform'd of him, concerning the most remarkable Passages that had happened in *Candia*, and amongst things, having once mention'd to a Friend of his, the rencounter he had made of *Francelia*, after the death of the Duke of *Bellame*, whom he had taken along with him from *Paris*. This Friend related it to another, and he to a third, by which means it came to the Princess *Dorabella's* Ears; and she was extream desirous to learn the Adventure of that young Damsel from her own Mouth.

She having found her Aunt dead at her return, had taken (or the Marquiss for her) a handsome Lodging, where she still continued to receive the Marquiss's Visits; and pass'd some moments also in

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League which had not long before been made betwixt the said Prince and others. And *Tyrannides* having had the satisfaction of hearing and admiring the Ingenuity of *Francelia*, he thought her not only fit to accompany *Dorabella* into the Isles, but also judg'd her a proper Instrument to forward his Designs on the Isles, and to influence wholly the Prince and the chiefest Ministers of his Councils: She was therefore pitch'd upon to be one of the Princesses Attendance to the Isles; and not only as a bare Cipher, but as one proper to manage, with good Directions, any business of State that should be committed to her charge: It is certain, that her sound Judgment, accurate Apprehension; her happy Memory, her smart Wit, and insinuating way was sufficient to Captivate the Mind of so Amorous a Prince as was the Prince of the Isles, especially, when all those Accomplishments were accompany'd with some share of Beauty and Love, though but in an outward appearance.

The Princess *Dorabella*, who was very glad at this occasion of going to the Isles, that she might have the opportunity to see once more her Brother, the Prince; made all the diligence possible to leave *Paris*: In short, she came safe over the Seas

t long before Seas with a magnificent Train, where the
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 he Prince an- atify'd by the two Princes. But this
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 was the Prin- Prince's Mind, insomuch, that when
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her to press her return, to blow up still more and more those flames which *Francelia* had kindled in the Princes Bosom; wherefore she would, in the Princes presence, frequently bid *Francelia* to prepare for returning; and as oft as she repeated those harsh sounds in the Princes Ears, he would feel a great disturbance in his Mind. *Francelia* also, who could not but observe the Princes new-born Passion towards her, would Tyrannise, and frequently mention the desires she had of returning; insomuch, that at last the good Prince, not able to contain any longer, broke out into this Passion, *Would to Heaven, Madam, said he to his Sister, that you were sensible of the trouble which I feel at the parting with you, you could not for pity but retard your Return for some days longer. Dorabella, glad that the Prince had broke the Ice, reply'd, That she found, the longer she stay'd the more sensible she should be at the Separation from a Person so dear to her as he was; wherefore, since there was a necessity of parting, she thought the sooner were the better to avoid the greater trouble by a less. I am sensible, Madam, reply'd the Prince, of the hard necessity of losing you, and seeing it is unavoidable, he pleas'd to grant me one humble*

Request, that I go, in order to part for the loss of any thing I have in the Princes, that I might answer him, You cannot but have lost something, that I might Request, which I have a Jewel of my Eye, and I shall be able of my Eye to succeed in such a manner, who give me the nature of the Jewel, Sir, continue to be worn since I have, she, speak of Jewels, that I please. It is a Prince, and that she was going to which I demand all those things which was highly that the Prince, that that was that she was for the Prince

ble Request, that I shall make to you before
 you go, in order to allay the anguish of my
 Heart for the loss of your dear presence. Is
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 the Princess, that I can refuse you? The
 Prince answering with a profound Bow,
 said, You cannot but be sensible, Madam,
 that you have lately found I could refuse you
 nothing, that emboldens me to go on with
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 to leave a Jewel of yours behind you in my
 Custody, and under my Charge; assuring you,
 that I shall be as careful of it, as of the
 Apple of my Eye. You needed but to name,
 to succeed in such a trifle, Sir, reply'd Do-
 rabella, who guess'd well enough at the
 nature of the Jewel, Is it any I have about
 me, Sir, continued she, or any other that I
 have worn since I came here. Go fetch, ad-
 ded she, speaking to Francelia, the rest of
 my Jewels, that the Prince may chuse what
 he pleases. It is here already, said the
 Prince, and taking Francelia by the Hand,
 as she was going out, this is the Jewel
 which I demand of you, and which I prize
 above all those that adorn you. The Prin-
 cess was highly pleas'd as well as France-
 lia, that the Prince run so readily in the
 Net that was spread for him; told him,
 That she was extreamly sorry she could
 not for the present grant him his Re-
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quest, because she had promis'd *Francelia's* Relations to bring her safe back to them, but that she would endeavour to prevail with them to let her come again, to have the Honour to be made Maid of Honour to the Princess, and that she would so soon as she came to *Paris* again, so far oblige the Prince, as to write a Letter to the Princess, to beg the favour of her to receive *Francelia* in that Quality, which if she accepted of, then should *Francelia* be immediately sent over to the Isles again.

The Prince was forc'd to have patience, and to be contented with this assurance, not doubting but that the Princess's good Nature would easily be wrought upon; and truly he fear'd much more *Cornelia's* high Spirit and Jealous temper, than any opposition from the Princess.

The reason of the Princess's not yielding to *Francelia's* remaining in the Isles at that time, was, that she might punctually follow those orders which had been given her, which was, first to try the Prince's Inclinations towards *Francelia*, and if certain to take effect according to their desires, then to bring her back to receive such further Instructions, and to be instructed with such Secrets, which there was no occasion otherwise to disclose to her.

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Amongst the Grandees that had follow'd the Prince, *Villarius* was the most magnificent, and who had the most knowledge of all that the Prince had transacted, either private or openly. He was at that time so much in the Princess's Favour, that the Prince thought fit to tell him, he would have him to keep secret what he had heard or seen, of what Nature soever, especially of his new Amours, from the knowledge of *Cornelia*, whose high Spirit and Jealous Humour he apprehended above all things. *Villarius* did in part observe what the Prince required of him; but his hatred to *Cornelia* was such, that he could not conceal from her knowledge the Princess's new

Mistress, which he let her understand by a third hand, with hopes that it would even break her proud heart.

This Feud betwixt those two Eminent Favourites, was of that Consequence, that it is convenient I should give the Reader some knowledge of it; because that in the pursuance of *Francelia's* adventures, those two Persons are very remarkably concern'd.

Not long before the Prince of the Isles return'd from his Exile, the springing Beauty of a young Lady did make such a noise all over the Kingdom, that *Villarius*, who was related to her, grew very impatient to see her. It is well known that he was the most accomplish'd Person in the World, in all respects of Gallantry, insomuch that he seldom tempted, but he overcame; and all his Conquests being gain'd at a very easie rate, he made so little value of them, that Love, whom he had so often offended, was resolv'd at last to revenge himself for all his Inconstancy towards the fair Sex, by the means of this his Kinswomans Security.

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He was not long, by his frequent Visits, before he made her to confess, she was improv'd under his Tuition, and that she began to answer pertinently to her Masters Interrogatories, yet not so subtly, but that her Governant had such warning given her, that she thereupon hastned a Match, which had been some time in hand, betwixt that young Beauty, and a Gentleman of a very good Estate: In short, the Matrimony was Consummated, notwithstanding all the secret oppositions that *Villarius* could make against it. However, he left not his pursuits for that, tho' he acted not so openly as before; and she answer'd so obligingly, all his Expressions of Love, that he made no doubt but

to come to Enjoyment, so soon as any fair opportunity should offer it self; and he had some reason to believe this, by the assurances that she had given him, of the Love she had for so accomplish'd a Person.

Things were at this pass, when the full Resolutions were taken to bring the Exil'd Prince of the Isles in again, which was soon after accomplish'd, to the great Joy and Content of the whole Nation. Amongst those Ladies that long'd for the Honour to kiss that Prince's Hands, our young married Lady was not the least Solicitous. She received that Honour, not as the rest of the Ladies did, but with an opinion, that when the Prince Saluted her, (as he did the rest of the Ladies) she had observed something in his Eyes, and felt something from his Lips, which she fancied he had not express'd to others; and from that time she entertain'd such thoughts in her mind, as were very suitable to her Ambition. She began to fancy, that to be beloved by a Prince, was an Honour as far beyond that she could receive from *Villarius*, as that was above that of the Insipid dull Animal, call'd an Husband. She grew Melancholly upon it, and Sick also, which made *Villarius* to double his Visits; but he still found an entertain-

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was really a distraction of mind. In a
word, though the Lady did in time reco-
ver, as to her bodily Distemper, she still
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them that delight and satisfaction which
she formerly had done, though she was
far from telling him so much, yet her
Actions spoke so plainly the Change
Ambition had wrought in her mind and
Inclinations, that *Villarius* could not but
be as fully inform'd of it, as if she had
spoken it to him, in as plain Language
as ever she uttered in her Life. The most
apprehensive *Villarius* presently under-
stood her, which made him to say. *What*
is there in my Conduct, Madam, of late, that
may have produced so strange an alteration in
you, as you manifest in your actions, notwith-
standing all the Care and Circumspection with
which you manage your self. She sigh'd, and
readily answer'd, That she had nothing
to alledge against his Conduct, and that
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if he found any alteration in her, he
 was to attribute it to some Relicks of her
 late Distemper, which peradventer did
 render her something more Shagrine
 then usually, which he ought to bear
 with. *Yes, Madam, I believe you,* reply'd
Villarius, and I am very apt also to judge
right of the cause of your Illness; Love, Love
is the author of my misfortune, and I am the
more to be pitied, because I am left in the dark,
as to the Object of your new Affections. My
Lord, answer'd she again, I here declare be-
fore Heaven, that I know no Person in the
World, for whom I have a greater Inclination,
than for your self: Yes, Madam, reply'd
Villarius, but no Love, you had not else so of-
ten deferr'd, and put off from time to time those
Favours, which you have been pleas'd to
own my constant Passion did deserve. I find,
Madam, that you reserv'd them for some more
happy Rival, while I must still languish, and
beset with vain Hopes and empty Promises.
Well, my Lord, reply'd Cornelia, I will con-
fess to you, that you have a Rival, but after
so fair a Confession, do me so much Justice as
to believe that this your Rival is not so in
point of Love: No, my Lord, it is in Ambiti-
on, that you are Rival'd, as a mark of my
Love to you; I have brought my self to con-
fess, that my Ambition prevails above my
Love, and that it will be the first serv'd and
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eration in her satisfied. In a word, my Lord, this last
 some Relicks of Passion is so powerful in my mind, that nothing
 peradventure less than a Crown'd Head can allay it. I must
 ing more shall be belov'd by the Prince, I must be the Prince's
 he ought to be Mistriss, or I must dye in despair. At this de-
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 ery apt also to Statue, which gave her time to add: I
 r Illness; Love, must allow of your Surprisal, my Lord, but
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 you had not else Favours, and to consent to whatsoever you shall
 from time to time please to desire from me: And finding that
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of my easiness to yield to such strange and surprizing Propositions, as you have made to me, by the excess of my Passion towards you. Yes, Madam, I will use that Power I have with the Prince, to satiate your Ambition; but deceive me not, Madam, after that, neither defer one moment longer, to satisfy my Passion, otherwise, I must tell you, Madam, that you will raise such another Passion in me, that all your Charms would never have Power to allay, and that would transform your best of Friends into an implacable Enemy. I go, Madam, to work your ends with the Prince, as you desire, that I may, without further delay, obtain what my Passion has so long languish'd for. With saying this, *Villarius* went out, and in a short time he so wrought *Cornelia's* Interest with the Prince, whom he found very much inclining that way, that *Cornelia* said she had no more to do, but to reward *Villarius* according to his Merits and her Promises. But she, who upon the Favours which she had newly receiv'd from the Prince, through *Villarius's* mediation, had let her still growing Ambition stifle her Love; in lieu of gratifying him, as she had promis'd, did after that shun all the opportunities of seeing him; which being perceiv'd by the slighted *Villarius*, and that all he could do would not so much as get her to discourse with

such strange manner with him, nor so much as answer any of
 you have made his Letters, he turn'd that great passion
 towards you of Love he had for her, into as great a
 Power I have one of Hatred and Revenge, though not
 our Ambition without a great Conflict, in which at last
 Revenge prevail'd. Thus that Lady,
 to satisfy my Passion to obtain great Titles, did sacrifice to her
 Madam, that high Spirit and Ambition, the most Con-
 stant Lover that she had ever had, which
 will in some measure justify *Villarius's* fe-
 derity towards her, of which we shall
 have occasion to treat some particulars in
 his Discourse, so far as they relate to
 our *Francelia*.

The Princess *Dorabella* being return'd
 to Paris, and having given *Tirannides* a full
 and satisfactory account of her Negotia-
 tion, *Francelia* was presently taken to
 Task; she was intrusted with the Court
 secrets, and fully instructed in the part
 she was to act, both with the Prince of
 the Isles, and with those State-Ministers
 and Courtiers, that were become Pen-
 sioners to *Tirannides's* Mercenaries. *Dora-*
bella was also advis'd to write immedi-
 ately to the Princess of the Isles concer-
 ning *Francelia*, that the Princes Affec-
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 of *Cornelia*, and to wholly espouse that
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according to his own Inclinations, he most earnestly imbrac'd, and did as vigorously pursue.

The death of *Dorabella*, which for the suddenness and nature of it, surpriz'd all the World, following presently after, and a Letter coming from the Princess of the Isles to have *Francelia* sent to be one of her Maids of Honour, notwithstanding all the Arts that *Cornelia* us'd to the contrary. *Francelia* was put into the hands of a Person of Quality, who took care to Conduct her over into the Isles, and to resign her into Her Majesty's hands: There were private Lodgings got for her at first, till others were prepar'd for her in the Court. The Prince fail'd not to Visit her so soon as she came, and to express all the Passion imaginable towards her; but all this he did with the greatest Privacy imaginable, for fear of raising such a storm in *Cornelia's* Breast against him, which he should not be able to weather. Yet was she inform'd of it by *Villarius's* means, who hop'd it would tear her Heart in pieces. The Prince continued so assiduous in his private Visits to *Francelia*, it began to be suspected he had some Inclinations that way, and from divers hands did *Cornelia* receive the ungrateful news of her Rivals getting ground

ground upon her, mean time the Prince
 was very diligent also in visiting *Cornelia*,
 to take all Suspicions from her : But that
 would not do, she was too subtle and too
 much concern'd, to calmly suffer a
 Stranger to intrench upon her Preroga-
 tives. She was the Prince's first Mistress,
 since his return to the Isles; nay, his be-
 loved Mistress, on whom he had bestow'd
 vast Sums of Money, and the highest de-
 grees of Honour, and she would not
 calmly yield all those advantages to a
French Woman, of neither Birth nor
 Fortune, beyond what she had got by her
 Services. This caus'd *Cornelia* to set Spies
 upon the Prince's Actions, that should
 bring her word when the Prince should
 come next to see her Rival, that she might
 intercept him, and take him to her self.
 It was not long before News was brought
 to *Cornelia*, that the Prince was to Sup-
 per with *Francelia* at her Lodgings, with
Villarius; she presently gave orders that
 a very great Supper and Banquet should
 be prepar'd against such an hour that
 night, and getting into a Coach, she ho-
 ver'd up and down near *Francelia*'s Lodg-
 ings, just about that time she had been
 inform'd the Prince was to go thither in
 a Hackney Coach : At last she was told
 that the Prince was in that Coach which
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she saw coming towards her; she presently caus'd her Coach-man to turn about, and so she met the Prince full butt; she told him she was just going to invite him to come and Sup with her that night; that she design'd to surprize him, which was the reason she had not given him a Solemn Invitation; then she wondered at his being so private in a Hackney, ask'd him where he was then going, that it made her fear he had some private Affignation; to all which the fond Prince made no other Answer, then that he was going in a Frollick to be merry with half a dozen Persons, which he was told were got together, in whose Company he very much delighted; and finding that *Cornelio* made no mention of *Francelia*, he did all he could to divert her from any such thought, by beginning a discourse of quite another nature, and by freely getting into *Cornelia's* Coach, out of his, so went along with her, you may imagine with what Satisfaction.

Cornelia did treat him the best she could, and made him to pledge her so frequently, that at last he had quite forgot his other Appointment, & began to be as merry and well pleas'd, as if he had had no other design then that he was about. In short, *Cornelia* did so flatter him, that he

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Mean time *Villarius* and *Francelia* had been presently inform'd of the trick which had been play'd the Prince, so that so soon as they heard that *Cornelia* had seas'd on him, they had given up all hopes of seeing him that night, they Supp'd together: *Villarius* gave *Francelia* divers assurances of his humble Services, and that he would highly revenge that Affront which *Cornelia* had put upon them; and they both concerted together, which way to return to her some trouble of the same nature. *Villarius* told *Francelia*, That he had been lately inform'd, that *Cornelia* had had some private Conference with a certain person, whom he would cause to be watch'd, and that he doubted not, but he should, by the means of his Spies, surprise them together; that if so, the Prince should have the satisfaction to catch his Rival with her; *Villarius*, in fine, told so many fine things to *Francelia*, and gave her that night such assurances of his Friendship and Affection, that she remain'd very well satisfy'd with him.

She had been inform'd of the Princes Humour to a tittle; amongst the rest, that

that the more a Woman pretended to
Virtue and Chastity, the more was the
Prince's Heart inflam'd towards such a
person, she resolv'd therefore to appear
very reserv'd to the Prince, and never to
allow him any Favours, but with the
greatest Reluctancy imaginable; and she
did carry her self after that towards him
with so much seeming Modesty and Vir-
tue, that she pass'd in the fond Prince's
thoughts for a very Angel.

The Prince was no sooner got to his
Palace again, and retir'd for some mo-
ments, but that *Villarius* came to him
with a smiling Countenance; the Prince
told him presently, as a great secret,
how he had been met by *Cornelia*, who
had taken him to Supper with her, and
that for fear she should have any distrust
of him, he had condescended to her
desires, and lay'n there all night. *Villa-*
rius, to let him know that he was not
so secret in that business as he imagin'd,
told him what they had for Supper, and
some of their private Discourse, at which
the Prince seem'd as much surpris'd as
could possibly be. Sir, said *Villarius* to
him, to let you know that I am inform'd of
all *Cornelia's* Actions, I shall e're long let
you see how faithful she is to you, and what
reason you have to be so to her, and to stand
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oman pretend to much in awe of her as you do. I know
 the more we are of her private Friends, Sir, continu'd
 n'd towards me, and I shall be punctually inform'd of their
 therefore to appoint time and place of meeting, and it shall
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 Sir, said Villarius the Prince. who bid him go and make
 bat I am inform'd an Apology for him to *Francelia*; he
 I shall e're long went to her, and told her all that the
 is to you, and Prince had said concerning her, and let
 to her, and to her know how necessary it was for her

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to carry on the same Humour of Modesty and Virtue, with which she had already so well prepossessed her princely Lover.

The Prince, who had not seen *Francelia* in three days, thought the time very long, and notwithstanding his former promises to *Cornelia*, to remain constant to her, he went privately to see her that night. She who had been very free and pleasant with *Villariss* but the night before, did put on her feigned Modesty and so inflam'd the Prince with it, that he protested he had never met with a Humour so agreeable to his as was hers and that he languish'd for her. Sir, replied *Francelia*, the Honour which you wish'd to do me, is infinitely above my Merits; and I am sorry, Sir, continued she, that I have nothing to return to you for but my Prayers to Heaven for the prosperity of your Grace; all that I can do more, is to wish it were in my power to do more. This said with a languishing Air, and a dying accent, and with Eyes, which though full of Fire, were fix'd on the Floor, did so charm the good Prince, that he answer'd, I wish, Madam, you would take the pains to consult with your self a little, and reflect whether you have not besides your good Wishes something else at your own disposal, that you

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 do more. This it, beyond all the World. You have but too
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celia, to accept of my single Heart, in exchange of yours, with all the Love and Passion that your Perfections have kindled in it. I can but desire and wish, Sir, reply'd Francis, that I had Merits sufficient to deserve such an Honour, if it were in your Power, Great Sir, to bestow it once more: you know, Sir, how often like a Lover you have bestow'd it upon another person, with whom I might dispute it, as to esteem, Respect, and even Love to your Excellency; if you had not engag'd it farther, since even past all Redemption, but by Death. That is it, Sir, that makes me say, you have not wherewith to purchase an Heart, and that I can have nothing but my best Wishes and Prayers for you, besides that general esteem that all who know you have for your Perfections. The Prince was so strangely surpris'd at this unexpected time, that he was very glad Villarius came in to break off the Discourse for the present, and give him time to consider of what he should say to so cunning a Mistress as he had now to do withal. Villarius came to tell the Prince, that that very night he would shew him some sport.

Francelia had been receiv'd a pretty while since into the Princeſſes Retinue, and had poſſeſſion of her Lodgings at Court, notwithstanding all the Intrigues and

single Heart, and Plots which *Cornelia* had made to
 the Love and to defeat her. The Prince therefore had
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 ore: you know, braces; he told the Prince of this, and
 ou have bestow'd assur'd him, That if he would go and
 to whom I might surprise them in the dead of the night,
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 nd Prayers for cret Amours, that he might have just
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 as very glad *Villarius*, telling *Francelia*, That he would
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to tell the Prince *Cornelia* had cast her Eyes on a young
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faction which she us'd to receive from him, and which her Constitution required. She had therefore taken the opportunity to let this person know that it was to her Mind, and that it was his own fault if he were not happy ; and that Commerce had lasted so long, that it began to be whisper'd abroad ; but she did not much value that, because it made for her purpose, both in creating some small Jealousie in the Prince to unite him the closer to her, and to encourage the more, her great Enemy *Villari*. *Cornelia* and her Lover for more Freedom, and better Conveniency, had concluded the Enjoyment of one another, in her own Apartment, where all the Servants were at her sole disposal, and would be all very secret. The Gallant was come, and they had plentifully feasted in a private Apartment, where none but the Servants of the Secret were at any time admitted to enter ; and from thence there was a private Conveniency to *Cornelia's* Bed-Chamber : so that, should the Prince come at any time, though he had free access, and that all Doors were continually open to him, yet the Lover might with ease escape from his knowledge, except the Prince should surprize them in Bed, at the

the dead time of the night, which was not likely to be, without it were upon some intelligence, and with design. About mid-night the two Lovers went to Bed, and presently after, by the removing of some things, the change of Servants Stations, and the retirment of others, that Servant who *Villarius* had gain'd, and who was his faithful Spie, gave notice, that now it was time for the Prince to come. The Prince came accompanied to the Door of *Cornelia's* Lodgings by *Villarius*; he went in, and thence directly enter'd *Cornelia's* Chamber, where he found them both in Bed together, the one lying in the others Arms, yet with such Circumstances, and the effects of such a present Wit as had *Cornelia*, that the Prince was absolutely deluded.

Cornelia had no sooner been inform'd by that Woman who was upon the Watch in the Anti-Chamber, that she heard some body coming up Stairs, and had heard the Gates open; but remembering the Proverb, 'Tis good to be sure, she pull'd off, at once, her Night-Cloaths, which hung all together, and clap'd them on her Lovers Head just when she heard her Chamber-Door to open with that Key the Prince usually kept, which opened all passages to him: She fell to

groan and complain, as if she was extraordinary ill. The Prince ran presently to her Bed-side, and seeing *Cornelia* in a Woman's Arms, and she making sad complaints, he would not draw the Curtain more open, for fear the light that was on the Table should offend the sick *Cornelia*, but stooping down, *What is the matter with you, Madam*, said the good Prince. *Oh! dear Sir, is it you*, answered she, *how glad am I you are here*. *Good Sir, do so much as hold my Head which is ready to split in pieces, while this Gentlewoman runs to my Closet for something for me.* I'll go my self, reply'd the Prince, *tell me but what I shall fetch?* No, pray Sir, reply'd *Cornelia*, *you know not where to find it, pray give her leave to go: Come I'll hold the Princes Head in my Arms*, continued she, *while you get out of Bed, he shall not see you, do not fear it.* The Prince, who thought it was the Gentlewoman's Modesty that requir'd that Ceremony from him; freely let *Cornelia* blind him while the Gallant slip'd out of Bed, and went to the Woman's Sentinel to bid her run into the Closet, and fetch any Glass out from thence, to amuse the Prince with, while he should dress himself and make his escape.

Mean time *Cornelia* kept the Prince in Discourse; sometimes crying out of her Head,

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Head, and desiring him to hold it gently; she told him, That having had some small symptoms the last night, presently after Supper, of this violent fit, she had desir'd that young Gentlewoman, who had Supp'd with her, to lye with her also that she might talk with her if she could not Sleep, & to be serviceable in case she grew worse of her Head, that her Distemper had so increas'd, that she had been forc'd to pull off all her Head-Cloaths, and to toss and tumble about for ease; that she was just slumbering a little in the Gentlewomans Arms when his Highness came; and that she was so overjoy'd at his coming, that she thought she was something more at ease than she had been, and believ'd she should sleep if his Highness would but lie down, and let her lay her Head in his Bosom; to which the Prince presently yielded. By this time the Woman was come with the Bottle of Cordial, and holding *Cornelia's* Night-Cloaths behind her, which the Gallant had given her, she made as if she had taken them up near the Bed-side, she gave the Cordial to *Cornelia*, who desired the Prince to take some, which he did. She sent the Woman for fresh Night-Cloaths, but the Prince, who was mightily concern'd in himself, for

having so easily given credit to what had been so falsely reported of her, and at her illness, was mov'd with so much tender Compassion towards her, that he would not by any means permit her to put on fresh Linen, but said, that those she wore before, would do very well, and that he would be contented with them, so he made haste to undress him, that he might go to Bed to his dear afflicted Mistress, and to afford her all the Assistance and Comfort he could possibly, by way of Compensation for the wrong he had done her in his thoughts, fully resolv'd to tell *Villariz* his own, and never more to believe slightly on false Reports.

Mean time the Gallant was fled, glad that he had come off so clear, from so eminent a danger, thinking he should never praise and admire enough the ready Wit, and ingenuous Contrivance of *Cornelia*, who he doubted not after that but would lull the Prince asleep in those Arms which he had been freed from, much against his Will. *Villariz*, on the other hand, wondring that the Prince stay'd so long, that he heard no noise in the House, nor saw any Lights, did not know what to think; he had the Curiosity to hearken at a low Window, and while

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 and allur'd him, that he would paſs the
 night with her; and not doubting but
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 Houſe ſo haſtily, was the Gallant; he a
 little while after retir'd, vex'd that the
 Prince had loſt ſo fair an opportunity of
 diſcovering *Cornelia's* falſeneſs to him,
 and himſelf of giving *Francelia* the next
 morning a pleaſant account of that
 night's Diſcoveries, but not without de-
 ſign of out-witting *Cornelia* at ſome other
 time. Thus did *Villarius* leave the Prince
 in the Arms of that perſon he had lov'd,
 but now hated moſt, not without pro-
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 revenge, when the next opportunity
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The next morning, when news was
 brought him that the Prince was in his
 own Appartment, he came to him, and
 the Prince receiv'd him with ſuch a cold-

ness that express'd what were his Sentiments, and how much he thought he had wrong'd him in putting him on such Extravagancies; and scandalising a person whom he lov'd, to gratify his particular Revenge. *Villarius* amaz'd at the Princes Expressions, said no more, but only begg'd his Highnesses Pardon, and told him, That it was none of his fault, if after he had lodg'd the Dear, he had been so blinded as not to see him, and to let him go. *Let who go?* reply'd the Prince, *I rush'd into Cornelia's Room ere it was possible she could have any notice of me, and I found her in her Bed, her Hair deshevel'd, almost distracted with a cruel Head-ach, and no person in the Room but a Gentlewoman that assisted her. That was the Man, Sir, you were to have seiz'd, and who having escap'd your Hands, got away from me also afterwards, through the favour of the night, and the nimbleness of his Feet. Do you think I do not know a Man from a Woman?* reply'd the Prince peevishly. *Not at all times, Sir, it seems,* answer'd *Villarius*, almost mad, *I say again,* added he, *That Cornelia's Wit has deceiv'd you, and that that person that was in Bed with her, was a real Man, to her knowledge, however she has made him pass with you for a Woman. A Man with Womens Night-Cloaths on his Head,*

Head, and a Woman bare-headed, said the Prince : here he paus'd, as if reflecting within himself. Yes, Sir, said *Villarius*, now you have unfolded the Riddle ; under the favour of *Cornelia's* Night-Cloaths you have let the Minion escape your Knowledge. How ? said the Prince, looking on the ground, as if musing still ; If it was so, nothing could be more false and treacherous. There was no other way left, but under that disguise to escape you, Sir, said *Villarius*, and the more you will be pleas'd to reflect upon every particular Circumstance, the more the Cheat will appear clear to your Understanding. Why should she be without Night-Cloaths just at my coming, yet afterwards put them on, and never more complain of them, no in truth, scarce of her Head-ach, said the Prince. Ay, Sir, and where did she find them, said *Villarius*. Her Woman brought them to her, reply'd the Prince. I believe so, Sir, reply'd *Villarius*, when the blade had no more use for them. She sent the Gentlewoman that was in Bed with her, said the Prince, to her Closet for some Cordial. And did that person bring it back ? *Villarius* ask'd. No, said the Prince, musing, it was that Woman that brought her Night-Cloaths. Very well, Sir, said *Villarius*, how did that modest Gentlewoman that was in Bed with *Cornelia* rise ? before your

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face, Sir? No; odds fish, reply'd the
 Prince, Cornelia, I remember she bid me
 hold her Head while she should get out of the
 Bed, and though I should have had a mind
 to have seen her, I could not, she hugg'd me
 so close, notwithstanding the most violent
 Head-ach she had but just before complain'd
 of. Reply'd Villarius, A very convenient
 way to blind you, Sir, while the other esca-
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 Juggle in it, said the Prince, when I con-
 sider well every Circumstance; in truth, she
 did not once complain of her Head-ach all the
 night long after that, but turn'd from me and
 sigh'd often. Well, she shall never deceive
 me more, and if we can but get such ano-
 ther opportunity, I'll warrant you I'll secure
 her Stallion; I find I was deluded by her Ca-
 resses, her false Embraces, which she us'd no
 longer than to serve her turn; that once done,
 she prov'd to me, the rest of the night, as
 cold and indifferent as if I had not been in
 Bed with her. Could you blame her, Sir,
 said Villarius, you had disappointed her A-
 morours Hopes, defeated her sweet Expecta-
 tion, and depriv'd her of all those Joys she
 was going to surfeit with; and would you
 after that have had her to embrace a person
 that had so unexpectedly disappointed her of
 all her pleasures? Well, no more on't, said
 the Prince, I will this Afternoon divert
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this Shagrin it has brought on me, with a glass of Wine; get half a dozen of our Friends together against Six; send me word where you are, and I'll come to you. Villarius told the Prince he would go about it instantly, so took his leave.

The Prince, at the merry meeting that Evening, was very pleasant, especially towards the latter end, at last he stole away from the Company, after he had told Villarius where he was going, and he went to visit *Francelia*, whom he found but just come from the Princess's Apartment. He told her that he had been making merry, and that he came to shew her that he was still the same towards her, that if she pleas'd to accept of a Royal Heart, he had one at her Service. Had you ever more than one, Sir? answer'd *Francelia*; No faith, reply'd the Prince, but that shall be yours, continued he. Then you have none to give, Sir, reply'd she, for that you had you gave away to the Princess in Marriage, and since that time it has been no longer at your Highness's disposal; some small sparks of it may light by accident on other Objects sometimes, but the whole Flame cannot be fed, but by that Fuel which the Princess affords it. Never say that, Madam, reply'd the Prince; you, your Charms have made it burn far more fiercely than ever the Princess has.

has done : I am very sorry, Sir, answer'd she, that I have any thing belonging to me that serves to feed others Fires ; and would use all my endeavours to bestow Fuel on a Fire of my own kindling. You can not be so Cruel as you would seem to be, reply'd the Prince, who began to be a little more frolick, and to play with his hands. I do not think there is any Cruelty in this, Sir, answer'd she, in avoiding being Cruel to my self. Saying this, she pull'd a String after which some of her Servants enter'd the Room. The Prince presently understood the meaning of it, though he seem'd to employ one about something else there ; he therefore retired, telling her softly, he would not leave her so, but would declare more fully his mind to her yet, the next time he came again to see her ; with that he took his leave.

Francelia did continually manage the Prince, as she found occasion, and as he ministred opportunity ; but still she got ground of him, and finding that she had obtain'd already the greatest Ascendant over him that could be, she resolv'd on an Exploit that would shew her Master-piece, and the power of her Beauty and Wit : She found that the Prince, to obtain the last favour of her, would not stick at any thing, but grant whatever she

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 solved to improve it, and to lay before
 him the Conditions on which she would
 yield. All this, not so much to satisfie
 her Conscience and pretended Virtue, as
 to make the Prince so surely her own,
 that she might command him as abso-
 lutely as she pleas'd, in all that she should
 put him upon, for that Interest which
 had brought her over into the Isles. The
 Prince, on his part, resolv'd to yield
 whatever she should desire of him, to
 obtain his ends, did conclude within him-
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 pose his weakness naked before her. Thus
 were our two Lovers ready to enter on a
 Conclusion, the next time they had the
 opportunity of a free Conversation.

Mean time the indefatigable *Villarius*,
 who was more nettled then ever since the
 last time *Cor.* had outwitted him and the
 Prince, did make what diligence he could
 to learn the time of a new Assignment;
 he was not long without being inform'd,
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that by some Circumstances and Alterations were made in *Cornelia's* Chamber, there was some new design in hand; the Spies therefore made the best use they could of their Eyes and Ears, and at last learn'd for certain, that some body was to be privately admitted and entertain'd the following Night; they presently inform'd *Villarius* of it, and he the Prince, and they both consented together of the means to secure them safe, and no more to be deceived as they had been before: That which made the Prince more earnest than ever, to detect *Cornelia* in her Inconstancy, was, that he might have more colour and just grounds to break off with her, to give himself wholly up to his new Mistress, and to own her publicly, which was a humour that he highly affected.

The Prince having declar'd that he would be wholly guided by *Villarius* in this surprisal, this last thought fit to get three or four of his own Servants to go along with them, to place at the Doors without, to secure whatever came out of the House, in case they should miss of the Bird in the Nest. He did not doubt but that the last danger the two Lovers had been in, would make them more Circumspect for the future, and that they

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 give notice to the Lovers, and to let
 them escape. *Villarius* therefore had or-
 dered one of his Spies to leave a back
 Door upon the Latch only, that they
 might come in without noise.

Things being thus ordered, and the
 hour come, the Prince and *Villarius* go,
 with the Servants, to *Cornelia's* Apart-
 ment; where *Villarius* plac'd the Men at
 the Fore-gate, with special order to take,
 dead or alive, whoever should offer to go
 out, and not yield to them. The Prince
 and he, after that, went to the Back-gate,
 where, after the Prince was got in, *Villa-*
rius remain'd behind to keep Centry
 there, fully resolv'd to make sure of any
 person, that should Sally out that way.
 The Prince got up Stairs, pass'd a long
 Gallery, and at last made a shift to loose
 himself in the Dark, not being us'd to
 that part of the House; however, after
 he had blunder'd up and down a pretty
 while, he thought he heard some Voices,
 he hearkned, and drew nearer the place,
 whence he thought the Voices came,
 there he heard *Cornelia* say. *I never*

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 sant, and more than ordinarily kind, because ^{Prince, with all}
 you were not there; did he but know how ^{and with the}
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 when you come in my mind, he would not trou-
 ble me with it. I declare, that next to Villa-^{These passionat}
 rius, I hate his Conversation, it is so insipid, ^{panied with}
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 nesses; neither could all his Courtships find
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Such returns from me, as you have done, for you alone have I kept my Affection intire. And the Prince, with all his Power, is not to be compar'd with the Pleasure I now enjoy in seeing you, and being alone with you all this Night.

These passionate expressions being accompanied with divers tender Actions, which though the Prince could not see, he could hear, did let him judge that they would be soon followed with what the Reader may imagin. This doubtless to any other Lover, would have made him violently to rush into the Chamber, with Sword in hand, and have made the Delinquent wash with his Blood, the stain laid upon his Honour; but the good natur'd Prince, far from making use of that advantage, was a pretty while fumbling at the Door, before he could or would open it, insomuch that the Gallant had sufficient time to make his escape out of the Chamber by the Fore-door. Yet the Prince enter'd the Room with his Sword drawn, and looking very furiously every where: *Where is that Villain*, said he, *that dares be so bold to appear here?* At these words, and what with the fright *Cornelia* had conceiv'd at the sight of a naked Sword, she fell down backwards on her Bed in a Swoon. Never

ver was any Person in the World so un-
 man'd, as was the Prince at that fight; he
 had in a moment forgot what he was
 come about; he thought no longer of
 searching after the Criminal, his Fury
 was blown over, and in its stead reign'd
 the greatest Calmness and Compassion
 imaginable. He let drop the Sword he
 had in his hand, and busied himself in
 recovering *Cornelia* from her fit; he run
 to her Closet fetcht from thence such
 Cordials as he met with, he poured some
 into her Mouth, and at last with much
 to do, he brought her to life again. He
 ask'd her how she did, and whether he
 should assist her in raising her up; she by
 this time having had some small time to
 think what she should say to the Prince,
 she held forth her hand, which the Prince
 took, and by it lifted her up; When he
 found that she was past danger, and that
 her Colour began to return, he also re-
 assumed his severe Countenance, and in a
 grave Tone thus began to School her.
 'I must confess, Madam, that I cannot
 'but admire at my own goodness and
 'Indulgence, that could afford you Suc-
 'cour, after you had so highly abused me.
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' much forgot her self; and I will make
 ' such an Example of your Stallion, as
 ' shall deter all Persons from daring to
 ' aspire in the least, where I pretend any
 ' thing. There the Prince making a
 pause, *Cornelia* had time to say, That he
 might be deceiv'd by outward appea-
 rances, and that she made no question,
 but that she should justifie her self, when
 she should find him divested of that Passi-
 on and Fury, which from his Brow did
 threaten her too severely. ' That will
 ' not do with me now, Madam, reply'd
 ' the Prince, I have heard too much
 ' how unworthily you revil'd me to your
 ' Minion, to admit of any excuse, from a
 ' Person so unworthy my Favours. Yes,
 ' Sir, said *Cornelia*, I did speak all that
 ' my Anger, and just Resentments could
 ' suggest to me, so soon as I heard somebo-
 ' dy at my Chamber-door; imagining that
 ' none could have the Confidence to come
 ' and disturb my rest, at such an hour,
 ' when I was retired, but a Person transf-
 ' ported with Chymerial Jealousie, as
 ' you shew your self to be. In revenge I
 ' did speak things loud enough, that they
 ' might be heard by you, that I might
 ' give you some disturbance, for your
 ' unkind censuring of my Actions, and
 ' the Ill opinion you harbour of me; but
 ' to

' to whom did I speak those things, Sir? Gallant had
 ' That you know, Madam, and you may d enough to
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 ' Where have you hid that Wretch? dy, that he had
 ' Sir, you have free liberty to search all him where h
 ' Corners in this House, and to take your our Highness
 ' just Revenge on any Delinquents you that they ret
 ' shall find here, but till then, I wish a full account
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 ' more Serene Air. I spoke those words out this time
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 ' sensed mind, as a punishment for your d League, di
 ' distrustful humour. I am not to be any uncelia, and
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 ' or secure him hereafter, that he shall d, and she ha
 ' never more dare to lift up his Eyes, gs were now
 ' where I have any thoughts. *Cornelia* an- g to put the
 ' swer'd not a word, but seem'd not to be made a very
 ' well; and the Prince fearing that she at a new b
 ' was going once again to work on his too e Invited the
 ' easie temper, went out of the Chamber: w Embassade
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the Gallant had escap'd him, he had heard enough to convince him of the baseness of the Woman. *Villarius* answer'd, that he had secur'd the Man, and sent him where he should be kept safe, till your Highness should examine him. After that they retired, the Prince giving him a full account of his proceeding with *Cornelia*.

About this time the *French* Embassadour in the Isles, who had been Instrumental in the breaking of the forementioned League, did give frequent Visits to *Francelia*, and so did his Wife, which Visits *Francelia* return'd again. *Artabaces*, who was privy to the *French* Cabal, and who all along kept up that, and *Francelia*'s Interest together, in whose House the Prince had had divers private Meetings with *Francelia*, having been inform'd all along of her Progress on the Prince's mind, and she having told him that all things were now ripe, and that she was going to put the last hand to the work. He made a very magnificent Entertainment at a new built House of his, where were Invited the Prince, *Francelia*, the *French* Embassadour and his Lady, with divers other Persons of Quality of the *French* Party. The Prince, whom *Villarius* had the next morning brought to see

see the Delinquent Lover, had the Satisfaction to hear him own his Crime, which a Christian would which ingenious Confession oblig'd the Prince to Inflict no other Punishment 'Nay, if the Prince, upon him, but a Banishment, with threatenings, that if ever he attempted any thing of that nature again, he should find a more rigorous usage. After that the Prince prepar'd to go to the Entertainment, with a Resolution fully to disclose his mind to *Francelia*, and to bring things to a Conclusion.

Things being so far brought to maturity betwixt the two Lovers, though not with the knowledge of one anothers Intentions, a true understanding, and good success, cou'd not chuse but follow wherefore the Prince applying himself closely, after Dinner, to the Courtship of his Mistress, and willing to clear that point on which she had so long insisted he fell upon that Theme himself, and told her, That he was resolved to do any thing that she should require of him, provided that she would after all be favourable to him. She made answer, that she had long since declar'd to him, that she wanted not Respect and over Love to gratifie him in any thing that he could require of her; but that she could not bring her self to submit to that Character.

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 ply'd the Prince, I'll marry you over and
 over, after what form and manner you
 shall like best: Come, come, we'll go
 about it immediately; no better time
 than now, we shall have so many Wit-
 nesses: Come, who will lend us a for-
 mulary, and who shall be the Priest?
 'Here's a Match made, my Lord, con-
 tinued he, and a Wedding at hand;
 who shall we have for Bride-men and
 Bride-maids? Not so fast, Sir, reply'd
Francelia, you are making a Jest of what
 I am very serious in: Who I? reply'd
 the Prince, not in the least, I assure you:
 I'll go about it presently, and give more
 private orders for getting all things in
 a readiness for your Satisfaction. With
 that, the Prince over-joy'd that he and
 his Mistress were come to an Agree-
 ment, though with different Intentions,
 the one endeavouring all things to be
 done with a great deal of Solemnity and
 Circumspection, while the other had
 no further thoughts in it, but to let her
 have her humour, in a frolick, so long
 as it work'd his ends with her. There
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be present at the Agreement of the two Lovers, who retired in a private Room where one in the habit of a Priest mumbled over the Matrimony, and so both Parties were agreed. The Prince expressing a World of Impatience to come to an Enjoyment after all this Condescension; those that were privy to the business caus'd a Bridal Bed to be fitted, where in the presence of two Persons the Prince Bedded and enjoy'd his *French* Mistress, and he being of a humour, as not to care much to toil or take pains to obtain Pleasures, as he had frequently declared, and that he lov'd to find some work ready done to his hands, and moreover having been that day very well plyed with Healths, to make him the less capable of discernment, he never troubled himself nor found fault afterwards, for not considering all things the first Night he enjoyed his Mistress, according to that height of Virtue and Innocence that she always had professed.

Thus had *Francelia* the Satisfaction she was assur'd, that after such a Tryal she had put the Prince upon, he could not refuse her any thing that she should require of him; all her Policy therefore which she us'd afterwards, was to keep the Prince from falling into Relapse.

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 in a private Room up his Affections towards her self, at the
 wit of a Priest in the same pitch to which she had brought him,
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 The Prince exerted Policy and Wit, with the super-addition
 of her other Charms, by which she easily
 obtain'd all that she would from him,
 to the advantage of the *French*, beyond
 all that the *French* Embassadors, and the
French Court Pensioners could do; inso-
 much, that when at sometimes the Mini-
 sters of other Princes, did represent with
 so much reason, and on such sure grounds,
 that it was against the Prince's and the
 Nations Interest, to yield such and such
 things to the *French*, which would so con-
 vince the Prince, that he was ready to
 recall his word from the *French* Mini-
 sters, which he had assur'd those other
 State Ministers that he would do; *France-
 celia* would work more with him in one
 Night, then they could do with all their
 Just Reasonings, and would so turn the
 Scales again before Morning, that those
 Ministers well saw they should never be
 able to bring the Prince to any reasonable
 terms, so long as he lay in the Arms of
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 signs to pass, as to the firm Establishing
 of her Interest in the Prince's Bosom, she

had no more to do but destroy *Cornelia* with all the
 that she might rise on her debasement being a Man-N
 but because those Titles and Honour purpose, v
 which had been conferr'd on *Cornelia* to the Inst
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 Great in all respects; she was not lountry, at a Fa
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 other Testimonies of the Prince's Id for Godfat
 vours. The Prince did not only fill In the Country
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 last the Princess taking notice of it, sure, did so v
 plainly told *Francelia* what her thought notwithstanding
 were of her. *Francelia* being conscious towards the P
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destroy *Cornelia* ry'd with all the privacy imaginable,
 her debasement there being a Man-Midwife in readiness
 to that purpose, who took care ac-
 cording to the Instructions he had re-
 ceiv'd, to convey the Child away, who
 was for some considerable time kept in
 the Country, at a Farmers House, where
 it was Baptis'd by an appointed Chaplain,
 and had for Godfathers and Godmothers
 such as the Country would afford. But
Francelia being wearied at last in remain-
 ing obscure, did so work with the Prince,
 that notwithstanding *Cornelia's* last Ef-
 forts towards the Princess, to endeavour
 the suppressing of the growing Gran-
 dure of *Francelia*; she was not long after
 Intituled to great Dignities, and her Son
 also, some time after.

Now did *Francelia* look upon her self
 as come to the hight she had all a long
 aim'd at, and she did not a little glory
 also, though in private, and amongst
 those that were of the Cabal of her be-
 ing the Princes Wife; and when it ever
 reach'd the Princes Ears, though he
 would sometimes be a little displeas'd at
 it, yet when he considered that all that
 Pageantry was perform'd, but to obtain
 his Ends of his Mistress with the more
 ease and quicker dispatch, would laugh
 at it, and say, 'Twas fitting she should have

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 He caus'd a Magnificent Appartment t eaded the P
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 would have the Prince to recall all hie were first
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the King they came from. *Francelia* perswaded the Prince to Adjourn the Great Senat for their better Reception. This Embassy consisted of divers Persons, the chieft of which were a Duke, an Arch-Bishop, and *Brillano*, and these were follow'd with about 400 persons of all sorts and degrees. But the Grand Senat being grown so obstinate, as to oppose all the particulars about which they were come. *Francelia* was set to work, and perform'd her business so effectually, that *Tyrannides* had full Leisure and Liberty to compleat his Conquests against his Enemies: She obtain'd that the Prince's Subjects should not be recall'd from the French Service; she dissuaded the Prince from concluding a League Offensive and Defensive with *Batavia*. And to these purpose, because the Grand Senat had declar'd they would proceed on no Business whatsoever, till those, and other things of that nature were first done, she got the Prince to Adjourn them from time to time; amongst which Adjournments and Prorogations, there was one, when the greatest urgency of Affairs, and the dangers which highly threatened that Nation requir'd most their Assembling, in order to bring to condign Punishment, all

such as had been Instrumental in carrying on a dangerous Plot against these Isles. Then was it that *Francelia* employ'd all her Policy, Charms and Wit, to bring the Prince to so extraordinary an Action, on, to the great prejudice of the Isles, and which it was impossible he should ever have been brought to, while he was himself: Wherefore means were found out, so much to alienate his Mind from his own Interest, that he should be brought to act absolutely contrary to his own Design. Amongst divers was propos'd, but few thought proper, *Francelia* would receive none but she her self had design'd she only wanted two more of her Sex to assist her in it, which having got, and full Instructions how to manage the Prince to the advantage of the Plot, she fell to work. The Prince had divers times mention'd, that he had a great desire to be thoroughly merry with her, to dissipate some Shagrins which the late disturbances had rais'd in his Mind. ' You shall not want that any longer, Sir, ' *Francelia* told him, and if you please ' but to name the day, I'll undertake for ' the rest, and shall endeavour all I can ' possible to give you some agreeable Diversion. The Prince, who did not care how soon he were freed from some time

of those Agitations which the searching too deep into the Plot wrought in his Mind, told her, ' The sooner the better, and that he did not care if it was ' that very Evening; nay, I design to ' make a Night on't, *continued he*, and to ' cast off all Cares, Troubles, and ' Thoughts, except of Mirth, during ' that time. *Francelia* presently agreed to it, and prepar'd a magnificent Banquet, with divers sorts of Musick, and variety of plaissant Liquors. Those persons also which compos'd the Company, had screw'd their Mirth and Wits to the highest pitch, that nothing should be wanting that could produce Delights, and banish thence all Cares & Thoughts; in a word, that night was to be wholly dedicated to *Bacchus* and to *Venus*: And in effect, it prov'd a Debauch of the highest nature, the whole night being spent with Drinking and Toying; so that the Prince was never more enrowl'd under *Bacchus's* Banner than he was that night; and in the morning, when the Company began to be so tir'd as to part *Francelia* to fill up the measure, and come to the Point & Conclusion, towards which, all the Extravagancies which were committed that night were so many steps, she with the two other great

Ladies and the Prince retir'd into another more private place, where to make a full Conquest of him, before he should cool so much as to admit of any second Thought or Reflections, *Francelia* propos'd to the two other Ladies who were complaining of Heat, to strip; and to induce them to it, she began her self to open her Bosom, to take in a little Air. That Allurement made the Prince desire a further view of those Charms which rais'd his Desires, and because that *Francelia* insisted upon having the two other Ladies do the same; the Prince not only us'd many Intreaties to obtain that Favour from them, but assisted them also to undress; so that at last following *Francelia's* Example, they pull'd off so long that they left nothing on, to cover them, but what Nature had furnish'd them withal. Thus did those three naked Ladies stand before the Prince, not unlike the three Godeesses, *Juno*, *Pallas* and *Venus*, before *Paris*. The Prince ravish'd with such a Spectacle, did examine every part with his Eyes, with all the Curiosity imaginable; and because the Ladies would dress again, he bethought himself of proposing some Diversion in their undress; amongst divers that were mention'd, the sport of Questions

Questions and Commands was pitch'd upon. They employ'd some time at it, and frequently when it came to the Ladies turns to Command, they would impose upon the Prince, the drinking a Glas of Wine to each of their Healths, to bare up his Spirits: And the good Prince thought he could do no less, in requital of those Favours he obtain'd from them, and to keep up the Frolick also, on his side. At last *Francelia* finding that all things were as she would have them, to give the word that should cause a general Amazement through the whole Nation, it being her turn to Rule. She ask'd the Prince whether he would have two Commands and one Question, or two Questions and one Command; the Prince desired one Command and two Questions. She ask'd him first, Whether he would not be glad to be so Absolute, as hence forth to Govern without the Grand Senat, and have no further occasion for them? Next she ask'd, Who he thought the happiest Monarch in the World? The prince having answer'd to those two Questions as he thought fit, she Commanded him to Dissolve the Grand Senat. Her Command was readily obey'd, and the very next Morning put in Execution; in part by a Prorogation,

gation, which was the first step to its Diffolution, notwithstanding all that the sober Party could alledge to the contrary, and to the wonder of all the World.

Thus what all the Arts of the most refin'd Politicks and Rhetorick could never have been able to bring about in a long succession of time, was done with ease and dilligence by a Woman's Tongue and Taile; for which she had the Applause of all that Party, but above all, of her Lord and Sovereign *Tyrannides*. This Master-piece made her fit, in the Opinion of all the Caballists to be, not only admitted into the most secret Consultations after that, but also to have her Voice in all the Affairs that were negotiated at home and abroad. That was the reason, that after the Murther of Sir *Edmundus*, to which she was made privy, as to all other Designs she had the Curiosity, with another Lady of great Quality, to go to see his Body, as it lay in a Palace, on which having smil'd, she said, That many should follow him, rather than that Work so well begun for the good of the French, should fall short of their Hopes and Expectations. Yet, how great soever her Expectations were that way, they were

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not without some mixture of fears and apprehensions, she was frequently heard to say, *That it was good to make Hay while the Sun shin'd, and to provide a Cloak against a Storm.* She like an expert Politian, wold provide against an adverse Fortune in the highest of Prosperity, as being indeed the most fit and proper time so to do; that made her to drain the Prince's Purse, as well as his Body, getting from him, when any Money was stirring, vast Sums to lay up as well as to defray her exorbitant Expences at Gaming. That made *Helliana* one day to say, pleasantly to the Prince, who seem'd unwilling to bestow 20 pieces of Gold for a *Pollony* Dog which she fancy'd much, That the Prince had given more thousands of pounds for a French Bitch than he would give of pieces of Gold for a much prettier Creature. *Francelia* was a very great lover of Cards, would play suitable to her Quality, and sit up whole nights at it, infomuch, that what with fretting at the loss of a very considerable Sum, and with sitting up for several nights, in hopes to regain some back, (but her Countrey-men being too cunning for her that way, made her lose more and more) she so heated her Body, that she had upon it a dangerous fit of
Sickness,

Sickness, which gave the good Prince great deal of trouble, and cost him many Tears and Gold to repair her loss.

It was well known, how frequently she had private Conferences with *Brillano*, and a Secretary of State, concerning that scurvy Discovery of the Plot, & how she influenc'd the Prince to slight all the Evidences that appear'd to prove the same; and now it was thought fit to profer to her Service an *Hibernian* Woman, who had been formerly employ'd about the meanest Offices at Court, and by her bold Confidence had rais'd herself to some higher Employ. She had been Examin'd and Try'd, and had been found a fit Instrument for *Francelia's* purposes, so she became from a Vile Inconsiderable Wretch, a very great State-woman, and a great part of the Secrets were imparted to her, and she so well acted her part, that *Francelia* recommended her to the Princes Favour. It was by her means afterwards that all sorts of Pamphlets and Verses were deliver'd to *Francelia*, who would shew them unto the Prince, who employ'd persons after that to find out the Authors of them.

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Francelia, and his Amorous looks were
 repay'd with such Glances from her, as
 made him see, that his Person would be
 as acceptable, as had always been his Wit
 and Conversation; his own Inclinations
 spurr'd him on, and he found he had
 not many steps to make that way, be-
 cause of her Advances towards him; they
 presently understood one another, and
 it was not long e'er he receiv'd from her
 such Assurances of her good will, that he
 waited but for time and opportunity to
 improve his Fortune. Neither was she
 on her part backward in the least, to let
 him know how much she coveted some
 greater Indearment with him, and she so
 prest him, that knowing himself to be in
 no condition to give her all the satisfacti-
 on that she required, without doing her
 some prejudice, he still went back, as
 she prest forward, which made her but
 the more eagerly to pursue the Game,
 in the Opinion that my Lord *Urbirupa*
 had some new Amour in hand, into
 which, according as she might be inclin'd,
 he would discover his Intreagues with
 her. One day that *Urbirupa* was come to
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pay those Respects to her, which of late
 he had frequently done, she told him
 that of all things in the world she won-
 der'd most, that Men should make
 their business to insinuate into Women
 Affections, on the bare account of so do-
 ing, and without drawing any further
 advantage, then to boast of it after. *He*
 being surpriz'd at this free declaration
 could no longer forbear, notwithstanding
 the condition he was in, which had
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 might be mistaken in him, and that
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 Custom, was an effect of her singular
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 aside all other considerations, to give
 himself wholly up to Love, and to her
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Service ; in short they made use of the present opportunity, being alone, and without likelihood of being disturb'd, and for the present they both were very well fatisfied with one another, and continued in a secret Correspondency, during some time.

At length *Francelia* found her self Ill, and perceiving that she was worse, and worse, and that *Uxbirupa* grew remiss in his Visits to her, she sent to him to desire him to see her : He mistrusting what it was about, deferred answering her expectations, still putting off his appearing with some pretence or other, till at last they having press'd him beyond excuse, he could no longer put off waiting on her, he went immediately to *Francelia's* Apartment, and found her all in Tears, who being left alone with him, told him, That he was certainly the most perfidious Man alive, and that he had intirely ruin'd her ; with that she declar'd in what a Condition she was, that she was the most miserable Wretch in the whole World, and that she did not know how to behave her self to the Prince. *Urbirupa* seeing her in such a Passion, after a little pause, told her, That he was sorry any such thing had happen'd, that it was unknown to him he was himself in such a

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Condition ; and upon redoubling of her Lamentations, he bid her to be of good Comfort, and not afflict her self so much. assuring that he would take care all things should be well, and the Prince have not so much as the least suspicion of it, only he bid her to stave off the Prince but two or three days longer from her Embraces, and by that time all things should be so ordered, that no prejudice should possibly come to her. In fine, Urbirupa, who abounded in Wit and good Language, did so well make use of them both to *Francelia*, that in short, she wholly relied on his address and good management, and so let him go about that work.

Urbirupa being then highly in favour with the Prince, and one of those with whom he did use to divert himself privately ; he went immediately and found out the Prince, and presently put him on a Discourse of Women. *They are, Sir,* said he, *but as we make them, and we have the happiness not to ingage with any but such whose Modesty, strait-lac'd Virtue, or Grandure, are no Impediments to our Pleasures, we are for Freedom, for all sorts of Liberties, in which we feast all our Sences at once. That, I must confess, is very agreeable,* reply'd the Prince, *and I am much of your mind, that Greatness does but obstruct our Pleasures. Ah!* Sir,

Sir, said Urbirupa, did you but know, did you but see our ways, you would certainly be very well pleas'd with them, and you would not be long without making some tryal that way. I have a mind to have a frolick that way, to see the humour of it, reply'd the Prince; when do you think we might do any thing of that nature? When you please, Sir, reply'd the other, I know a place where there are three or four of the Prittiest, Wittiest, Ingenious, merry Creatures in the World, they are incomparable Company, Sir, continued he, and such as would infinitely please your humour: Name but your time, Sir, added he, and I shall give order that the Coast may be clear for your admittance, and those only you shall appoint to wait on you there: Faith, reply'd the Prince, I care not and if it be this Night, get you two or three more of our Company to meet there, and I'll be ready to go along with you. Urbirupa having assur'd him he would not faile to do all things according to his desire; he went his ways to give the necessary orders, and return'd again to the Prince, to let him know all things were in a readiness to entertain him, and that the rest of the Company was there already, though none of them knew the Prince should be there.

The Prince having disguis'd himself a little,

little, went with *Urbirupa* to the Rendez-
vous, not a little tickl'd in his Fancy,
with the surprizal the Company would
be in at his coming, as also at the singu-
lar pastime that he expected to find there.
It is certain that the whole Company did
all they could to divert the Prince, but
above all *Urbirupa* with his gay Humour
and Ingenious Wit, infomuch that the
Prince heartily thank'd him, and pro-
tested he never was so merry in his life
and he did taste of all the Variety
was offer'd, with a great deal of Satis-
faction, and without the least Scruple.
At last the Company broke up, because
the Prince grew Sleepy, and the Prince
went home well satisfied with that nights
adventure.

Urbirupa having thus far play'd his
part, with all the Success he could wish,
and without the least distrust to the
Prince, the next day he went to acquaint
Francelia with it, and gave her some di-
rections to govern her self towards the
Prince, the next time he should come
near her, and that in case he should
not come of himself the next day, she
should not fail, to invite him the day
after to some Entertainment, that his too
long absence might not break their mea-
sures. *Francelia* had no need to use any
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Invitation, for the Prince came to her
 the next day in the Evening, with whom
 he stay'd the best part of the night, in-
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 Game to play of it. Some five or six
 days after *Francelia*, according to her
 Kew, so soon as she saw the Prince, did
 make a sad and lamentable Complaint
 to him of the Condition she was in, con-
 doling her misfortune, and the misera-
 bleness of her Condition. The Prince
 who expected not such a Reception, and
 that was wholly ignorant of the business,
 was not a little startled at it. He ask'd
 her what was the matter with her? *What*
mean you, Madam, continued he, *and who*
do you take me for? *I mean, Sir,* said she in
 a great Passion, *that you have ruin'd me, you*
have undone me, I am lost, I am undone for
ever. The Prince more and more amaz'd
 at her Transports, looking on her with
 some concern: *Explain your self, Madam,*
 continu'd he, *and put me out of suspence.*
What need I tell you, Sir, that which you
know so well, and feel already. Still a Riddle
to me, and I shall continue in a Cloud, except
you will express your self so as that I may
understand you. At last with much to do,
 and not without violent Reproaches, she
 let the Prince understand that he had
 made her very ill: The Prince startled
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at the first news of it, went about to excuse himself, and to plead his Innocence, but that serv'd but to exasperate her the more, insomuch that she fell in to such Passions, or at least did so excellently well counterfeit them, that it put the good Prince on serious Reflexions. He began to think of his last frolicking night, and of what he had there done, and concluded in himself, against himself, taking all the blame to himself, and freely confessing his Guilt to the enraged Mistress, most humbly and heartily begging her Pardon, with a thousand Protections that he knew nothing of it, or he had not been so base as to have come near her, and that at that very instant he was as free from any such distemper, as ever he was in all his Life. He further assur'd her, that he had no ill opinion of her in the least, that he took all upon himself, and that he would highly make her amends for the wrong he had done her: With that he set himself to Cares her, which brought her a little out of her dumps; and some few days after, the Prince finding himself ill, he went again to her, to confess and acknowledge his Fault, and to perfect the Reconciliation; assigning, her besides a very considerable Sum of Money with which

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satisfy'd for some time longer: In short the Impudent Prince was never at ease till she was with Crime recover'd; nor then neither to speak the truth of; making truth; for never was there any Money, and stirring, either in the Privy Purse, in her Faults. the Exchequer, or from beyond Sea. The other time but she would have her share of it, in *Francelia* of matter how the Prince resented it, success than how he was sensur'd by the Nation: though the Affair was to advance the French Interest that, who was she had acted all along; and why should Princes Interest she not share in the Gold that came from upon for thence as well as such which she knew the mention very well had not perform'd so much *Annides*, had nor merited more than she had done; and, a certain to make all things sure, no sooner had Character of she got a considerable Sum together, but some it was sent into *France* in good Gold, till with *France* it was pretty well drain'd; and afterwards at C towards in Silver, under pretence of Pewee a Noble F ter and other things made up in Casks it, rarely. It was with those immense Sums that, and a she has built a most Magnificent Palace stock of and that she at present keeps as great a full Pur Rank at the French Court, as any one qualifications of that is of the Blood Royal, though she in all ingers has lost prodigiously at play since her return highly cov turn to *France*. which he w

Thus was the good Prince play'd up- in'd, and v on by his ungrateful French Mistress- sets to do t who not contented to play false with him, under prete had

had the Impudence afterwards to task him with Crimes, that she her self was guilty of; making him pay for her Lasciviousness, and make an Attonement for her Faults.

The other time that the Prince accus'd *Francelia* of Falcehood, he had better success than in this former Intrigue, through the Assistance of one of her Servants, who was not at first come into the Princes Interrests, as she did afterwards upon some distate, which is not worth the mentioning.

Tyrannides, had sent to the Court of the Isles, a certain Clergy-man, with the Character of Publick Minister, to negotiate something of great moment there with *Francelia*, and the French Pensioners at Court; and being a Person of a Noble Family, of an high Character, rarely Educated, of a very fine Presence, and a very good Meen, and a great stock of Wit and Complaisance, with a full Purse; all these excellent Qualifications did render him acceptable in all ingenuous Companies, and most highly coveted by the softer Sex, to which he was naturally very much inclin'd, and very well endow'd in all respects to do them Service: But above all, under pretence of private Conferen-

ces, he had access almost at all times at *Francelia's* Lodgings, where he would sometimes pass whole nights at play, and tho he would lose sometimes very considerably, yet he would never be wanting to gratify the Servants, which acquir'd him a more free access in most places where he resorted: After some time, when that he had dispatch'd the best part of the Business he came for, he did not for that decrease the number of his Visits, but only alter'd the property of them, both as to Privacy and Business, which made him also to alter his Discourses; for whereas formerly they were of Affairs & political Designs, which he would conclude with some slight amorous Compliment; now his whole Theme was Love, & only some times to blind those that would intrude in it, and he would superficially touch on some State Affair. His Person was not to be disliked, as I have said already, and with that he was very agreeable Company; besides that the Prince began to grow Ancient, and not so full of Courtship consequently, as formerly: All these things together made *Francelia* to open her Eyes, her Ears, and at last, her very Heart to this *Sancho*'s Charms, while he was admiring and praising hers, so that there was Charms for Charms, & both parties were well satisfied.

very well satisfy'd in Conversation one with another. This trade continu'd a pretty while before notice was taken, and all that could be made of it, when look'd into a little more narrowly, was, that they diverted themselves at Cards, and in discourfing of Passages at the French Court. Mean time, Love, who never is at a stay, increafing in these two Lovers Bosoms, they began to find, that their Attendance was more troublesome to them than it us'd to be; and that they might very well dispence with them, and not be the least Incommoded. What the *Sancti Pater* said, was seconded by *Francelia*, who from thence took new Measures; and whereas formerly the Presence-Chamber was rarely without some Servants in it, and the Anti-Chamber continually full of Waiters, very frequently she would fend forth those that waited in her Chamber, on trifling Busineses, that she might have the greater freedom for Action. Amongst those that were so serv'd was one of her Women, who took it so at Heart, that she resolv'd within her self to play them a trick for it so soon as she had an opportunity, however she gave no signs in the least of discontent; on the contrary, seem'd as well pleas'd as ever, but she

found means privately so to post herself, as to see and hear all that past betwixt the two passionate Lovers.

Our two Politicians, as well in Love as in State Affairs, did gradually ascend to the highest step of their Imaginary Felicity, that they might daily relish new Joys, and taste fresh Pleasures; and though at first they run, not headlong to a full fruition, they toy'd sufficiently and spoke a thousand passionate things if one call'd the other his Joy, he would call'd again, her Life: Thus all the most endearing Expressions that Love could inspire them with, were utter'd round, and with ten thousand Daliance repeated. All these things did the Woman-man-spie behold, but not as sufficient yet to give her that full satisfaction of that sweet Revenge which she long'd for; wherefore, with a world of Impatience she waited for that she expected would follow of course.

The Prince, of late, had divers times when he came to visit his unconstant Mistress, found the Door shut, and she either retir'd into her Closet, or lay'd down to rest, as not being well. These Excuses and Pretences had at first pass'd current with him, but at last he began to grow weary of them, and it rais'd

some suspicions in him. These distrusts were sometime after blown up into a flame of Jealousie by an unexpected accident. The Prince having one day gone to *Francelia's* Lodgings, as he us'd to do, was told, That she had had an ill night, that she was newly laid down to endeavour to Sleep a little, and had given order, that no body should disturb her : The Prince willing she should be obey'd, pass'd from her Chamber Door into that Room where the Spie was on the Watch, more by mear chance than with any design ; and perceiving her sitting very attentive, he came up to her, in order to further inform himself concerning her Mistresses Health, but first ask'd, What she did there so pensive alone ? The cunning Gipsie, glad of the opportunity that presented it self, to begin the opening of the Mystery of Iniquity, answer'd, That that place answering to *Francelia's* Beds-head, she was hearkening there, to know when she might go in to her, without giving her the trouble to ring the Bell, which might cause her some disturbance ; but she deliver'd this with such a Stile, and with such an Accent, as would sufficiently give to understand to any mean Capacity, that she spoke Ironnically. That gave the Prince the

Curiosity of leaning his Head against the Wainscote to hearken; and he had his desire; he did hear, not only one Voice, not only *Francelia's*, but another in Consort with hers; but though he could make a shift to distinguish two different Voices, yet they whisper'd so low that it was impossible for him to understand what they said. This, however, did highly disturb him, insomuch that he could not forbear, as in a surprise, to ask, What was the meaning of this? and prest the Woman very earnestly to unriddle the Business to him. But he was answer'd, That she us'd to follow her Ladies Orders implicitly, and never presum'd to dive further into her Secrets than she her self was pleas'd to lay open. This Answer did but disquiet the Prince the more, and he earnestly press'd her to inform him in this Mystery. She did excuse her self, and pleaded Ignorance, but in such a manner as but confirm'd the Prince the more in his distrust. Our subtle Spie having at last screw'd up the Prince's Jealousie to that hight she desir'd, she began to relent, and to seem to be desirous to comply with his Desires, and in conclusion, upon Promises, that the Prince would stand her Friend, and would amply gratify her, she told him,

him, that of truth *Francelia* had but feign'd an Indisposition to have the greater liberty to entertain a Friend of hers in private, without disturbance. This did but increase the Prince's Desires of knowing more, which made him to repeat his Assurances of Kindnesses and Reward to her. At last she told him, That there was no such great Mystery in the Business, neither, that it was but what he had allow'd of before; and that the same person was with her now, whom he had formerly found in private Conference with *Francelia* more than once, when he had retir'd and left them together. *I understand you now*, said the Prince, *it is her Countryman Sancti Pater*; but now the case is alter'd, continu'd he, *it is true, that I did allow of private Conferences between them, so long as he had Business of State to negotiate with her, but those things have been made an end of long since. and I know not what now he can have to communicate so privately to her, that I must not have admittance. Though I have sign'd all the Acts of their former Conferences, I shall not give my Consent to this Privy-one. Does he frequently do this?* Yes, Sir, reply'd the Woman, but I humbly beg your Pardon for having not inform'd you sooner of it, not knowing but that it was

as formerly by your Consent. My Consent, reply'd the Prince, it's so from it that I will break their Measures, and spoil their Intrigue; but I will first be sure before I make any noise about it, in which I desire your Assistance. The Woman return'd him an Assurance, that she would for his Service all that lay in her power. Can you not so contrive, said the Prince, as that I may come upon them unawares, and surprise them when they are retir'd together? I shall do my endeavour, Sir, answer'd she, to give you that satisfaction, and I shall not fail, in order to it, to give you timely notice the next time they are together, then your Highness may proceed in the Business as you shall think fit. The Prince intreated her to do so, and to take no further notice of it for the present, no more than he would, that he might the more surely surprise them; which she having promis'd to do, the Prince went his way, with more disturbances in his Head than he had brought along with him, though he had had some Jealousies before.

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the best part of the Chamber, but now she brought the Prince to it, and there he saw wonders, and heard the *Sancti Pater* say : *Now is the happy moment, in which I shall drink with long draughts, of those Sweets that flows from those delicious Streams, of which I have hitherto had but tempting sippings, which have but the more increast my unquenched Spirit. You see what I have done for you, reply'd Francelia ; you have all sacrific'd now to your Love, and the Prince himself lies neglected, to bestow on you, my Dear, with a more profuse hand, all that I am able to give you : I dare not think too much upon it, Madam, reply'd he, lest I should dye for Joy before my time ; that is, before I am wrapt in Extasie in your Charming Embraces. Why loose we time, Madam, added he, a time so precious, whose every moment deprives me from so many pleasures with which I should be ravish'd. These expressions being accompanied with little Amorous Actions, that spoke yet more, and what was to follow, you may imagine with what impatience the Prince was seas'd. I have heard, I have seen enough, said he to the Woman, to distract a Person far more Patient than I am, though I have had but too much with this ungrateful Woman that has so basely abus'd me. I will immediately rush in upon them. He upon that left the Woman,*

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man, and went towards the Chamber-door, where with over earnestness in the dark fumbling for the Lock, he made so much noise, as gave them notice some body was near; that made *Francelia* to endeavour getting off of the Bed, where she was with *Sancti Pater*, but one of her Feet being intangled in her Coats, she was found by the Prince in that posture, and the *Sancti Pater* lying still on the other side of the Bed, who so soon as he had perceived the Prince, got off, and while he was venting his Passion against *Francelia*, sneak'd away.

I need not tell you what the Prince's Passion suggested him to say; it suffices that I tell you he wanted words to express his Resentments; wherefore I may very well fail in the same Nature; but at his going away he told her, that he would soon rid himself of those troubles, and her of her Ruffian; and with that stepping to the Table he took along with him all the Papers that were on it. and tore them all along as he went out of the Chamber; he retir'd afterwards to his Lodgings, where how he spent that night any abused Lover may imagine.

Francela mean time left alone in such a Confusion, as can scarce be imagined, was

was a long time e're she could recover her self, and when she did, 'twas with so much remaining disorder, that she could not find any way of making any excuse for a thing, which had been but too visible to the Prince. She found that there was requir'd a greater Calm, then she could yet be Mistress of in her mind, to digest well this business, and to frame the least appearance of excuse or pretence; she therefore abandon'd her self to Tears, and in the excess of her grief, she at last fell into a Slumber, which contributed much to recollect her mind, and to bring her again into some kind of frame; but the more she thought on some excuse, the more she found it difficult to make one; and all she could build upon was, in laying all the fault on the *Sancti Pater's* Insolencies, and making him guilty of attempting to have gain'd by force, what she would not freely yield to him: Because she had no other shift, she was glad to make use of that, till she had an opportunity to speak to the Prince, so as that he might with patience hear out her whole Story: She sufficiently School'd her Woman, and tax'd her with perfidiousness; she on the other hand, who wholly rely'd on the Princes Promises and Favours, unwilling to have

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The Prince mean time on his part was not wanting, he had sent a Message to *Sancti Pater*, to command him to leave his Dominions, and to immediately go for *France*. That had somewhat surpriz'd him, and though he could not but know he deserv'd a far more severe Treatment and much more of Rigour shew'd him; yet such was his Love and Attachment to that Woman, that he could not conclude on obeying the Prince's Orders: Yet he was so cunning, as to feign, as if he would forthwith submit to them, but that was to get time only, and to have Conference about the business with *Francelia*, how to manage things under

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fell ill of his last fit of Sickness, coming into her Chamber, and finding fault with some odd kind of smell, which did offend him, she treated him with some excellent Cordial, which she said she had newly received from *Spain* or *Italy*, but the Prince did very much dislike the taste of it, and divers times found fault with it that night; however he retired Indispos'd, and never held up his Head after that. Divers Persons spent their Judgments upon it, as their Passions, or Interests did lead them; but the poor Prince fell into Fits of Convulsions and Apoplexy, in which Fits having had some Intervals, he recommended *Francelia* and *Helanda* to his Brothers Care; thus expressing his Love towards her to the last day of his Life.

So soon as the Prince was taken ill, she made strickt Inquires of his Physicians, Whether there was any danger, and when she was advertis'd. that he was threatned with Death, she began to prepare for a Retreat: she presently put up all her Jewels, and all the Gold she had, made away the best part of her Goods, and all that she could not conveniently send away into *France*, she put into trusty Hands here; after which she stay'd here so long as she could conveniently,

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be; infomuch, that *Francelia* was very
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on the sudden disappear, and was never heard of since. Some say that they were a knot of Officers, that wanted so much Money to make their Equipage for this Campaign in *Alsacia*; where they now Swagger, and spend as high as the best, at the Cost and Charge of *Francelia*.

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